

THE  
ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM,

LANCASTER:

A TRAINING INSTITUTION

FOR

THE FEEBLE-MINDED

BELONGING TO

LANCASHIRE, YORKSHIRE, CHESHIRE, WESTMORLAND,  
CUMBERLAND, DURHAM AND NORTHUMBERLAND.

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FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT.

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'God help the Imbecile! more dark their lot  
Than dumb, or deaf, the cripple, or the blind:  
The closed soul-vision theirs, the blighted mind;  
Babes though full-grown; the page of life a blot.

'Yet say, shall their affliction be abhorred?  
Their need o'erlooked? shall Charity pass by,  
Leave them to perish with averted eye?  
Forbid, the love that burns to serve her Lord!'

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I devise my [describe the property fully] free of duty, unto the Royal Albert Asylum at Lancaster, for all my estate and interest therein, the same to be for the absolute use and benefit of the said Institution and applicable for the purposes thereof.\*

*\* Until lately a Testator could give only money to a Charitable Institution, but now, by a recent Act of Parliament, he can give real estate (that is land, houses and other buildings, and chief rents) as well as money to such an Institution.*

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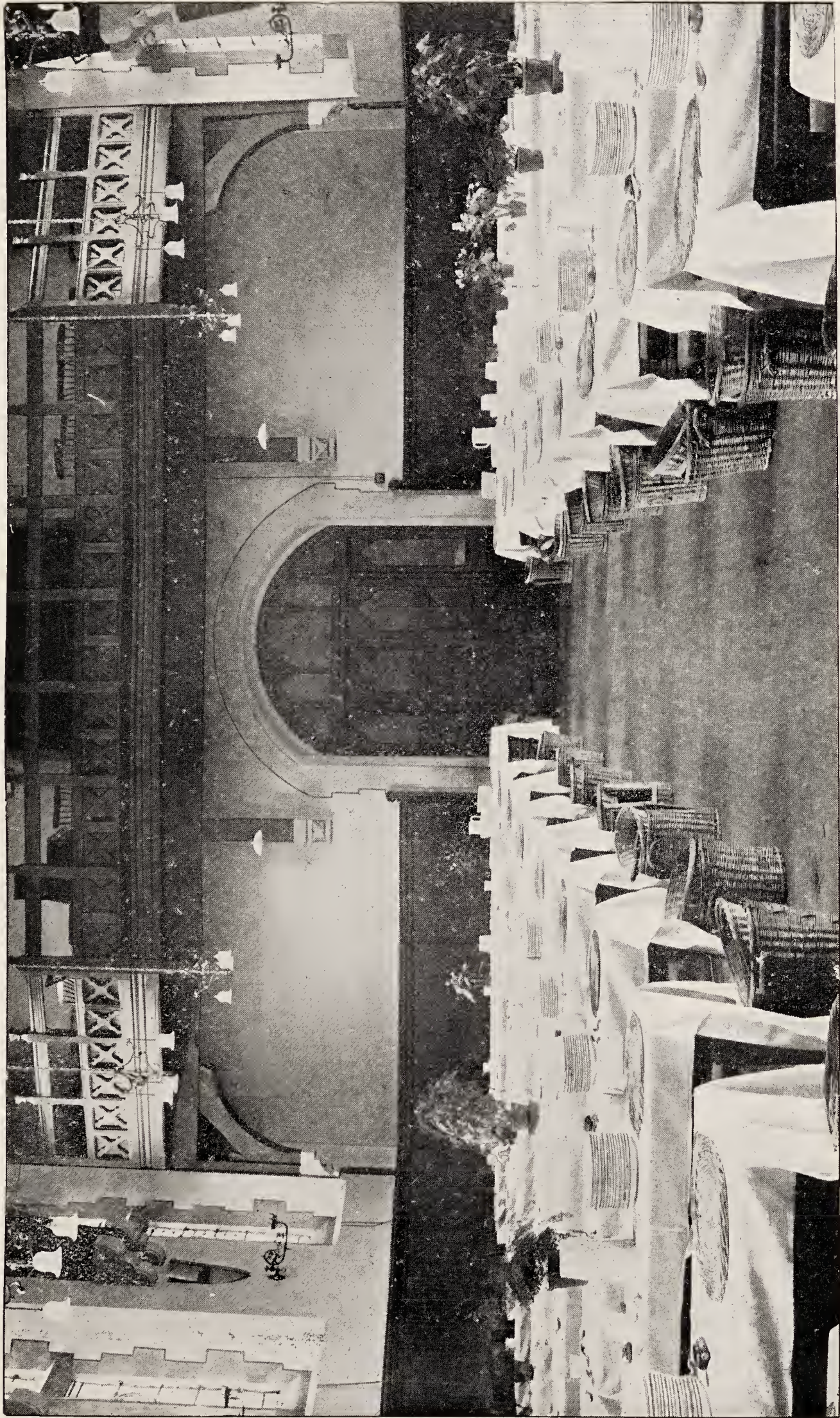
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THE DEVITRÉ HALL.





A PEEP IN THE GROUNDS.



## P R O S P E C T U S .

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THE ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM has been established for the care, education, and training of the Feeble-minded of all classes belonging to the Seven Northern Counties, viz.:—Lancashire, Yorkshire, Cheshire, Westmorland, Cumberland, Durham, and Northumberland. The number of Imbecile or Feeble-minded Persons in England and Wales returned at the Census of 1901 was 48,882. Of these, 13,898 belonged to the Seven Counties, 3,390 being under twenty years of age. But accurate statistics as to the prevalence of imbecility or feeble-mindedness are difficult to obtain, and there is no doubt that the foregoing returns are considerably below the actual number, owing to the general ignorance on the subject, and the natural desire in families to conceal the existence of the malady.

Imbecility being generally accompanied by an abnormal or imperfectly developed physical organisation, which retards the growth of the intellectual and moral powers, Imbeciles require a distinctive treatment in separate Institutions, where the resources of the skilful physician can be best employed for the modification or correction of those defects which obscure the mind. The Commissioners in Lunacy, and the medical profession generally, condemn the association of Imbeciles with Lunatics, as in all respects very objectionable and mutually injurious. In their Report for 1865, the Commissioners observe: "It has long been our opinion, as the result of extended experience and observation, that the association of Idiot children with Lunatics is very objectionable and injurious to them, and upon our visits to County Asylums we have frequently suggested arrangements for their separate treatment and instruction. It is always to us a painful thing to see Idiot children, whose mental faculties and physical powers and habits are capable of much development and improvement, wandering, without object or special care, about the wards of a Lunatic Asylum. The benefits to be derived, even in idiot cases apparently hopeless, from a distinctive system, and from persevering endeavours to develop the dormant powers, physical and intellectual, are now so fully established that any argument upon the subject would be superfluous." Again, in their Report for 1874, the Commissioners state: "We should be glad to see the noble example of the Northern Counties in this direction followed in other parts of the kingdom, since Idiots form a large proportion of the mentally afflicted, and require peculiar treatment, distinct from that applicable to the Insane." Referring to the ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM, the *Lancet* (June 20th, 1868) says:—"We hail the establishment of this Asylum as another proof of the more scientific therapeutics to which the insane are now subjected. Till within the last few years the Idiot or the Imbecile child was invariably accommodated, not only in the same building, but in the same ward, with the victims to dementia, melancholia, or chronic mania. The effects of this indiscriminate classification and treatment were most pernicious. The young Idiot or Imbecile at the impressible and plastic period of his life, suffered from daily and nightly contact with those confirmed or aggravated cases of lunacy, and the only opportunity available for his rescue was then allowed to slip, until his case also became aggravated or confirmed. The benefits of the new system have been signally satisfactory."

That much may be done to render the poor Imbecile's life more tolerable to himself and less burdensome to his friends, has been abundantly demonstrated by the success of existing asylums. Dr. Langdon Down, speaking from long experience as Superintendent of the Earlswood Asylum, calculated that of the cases admitted into that Institution, "10 per cent. become self-supporting; 40 per cent. become so far improved as to cease to use up a sane life in their care, and become contributors to the common stock; and the remainder, all but 6 per cent., are invariably improved in their habits, and become

greatly lessened burdens on their families and society." Dr. Duncan, F.R.S., and Mr. Millard (of the Eastern Counties' Asylum at Colchester), in their work on the "Classification, Training, and Education of Idiots," thus describe the success of specific treatment:—"Weak physical powers have been strengthened, uncleanly habits have been cured, the spiteful and irritable have become calm, the dependent self-depending; the idle have been rendered useful, the untutored have learned to read, write, count, and draw; the ability to earn much towards their own livelihood has been acquired by some, while in a few instances the capacity for earning sufficient for a maintenance and laying it out for themselves has been gained; and the moral and religious feelings have been aroused and fostered, so that excellent characters have been produced, and deeds of simple kindness have been performed by those who were once selfish, sensual, and depraved." The late Dr. Seguin, the distinguished physician, who may be regarded as the pioneer in this noble work, said, after thirty years' practical experience in the education and training of Idiots:—"Idiots have been improved, educated, and even cured; not one in a thousand has been entirely refractory to treatment; not one in a hundred who has not been made more happy and healthy; more than thirty per cent. have been taught to conform to social and moral law, and rendered capable of order, of good feeling, and of working like the third of a man; more than 40 per cent. have become capable of the ordinary transactions of life, under friendly control, of understanding moral and social abstractions, of working like two-thirds of a man; and twenty-five to thirty per cent. come nearer and nearer the standard of manhood, till some of them will defy the scrutiny of good judges when compared with ordinary young men and women."

THE ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM is situated about a mile from Lancaster; and the Estate upon which it is erected consists of about 185 acres of excellent land in a charming and salubrious situation, commanding fine views of Morecambe Bay and the Lake Mountains. Accommodation has been provided for 700 inmates, and the arrangements comprise every convenience for the specific treatment of idiots and imbeciles. The system of training pursued in the Asylum is designed to secure, by special means, the physical, mental, and moral improvement of the patients. It includes gymnastic training, school education of a suitable kind, and instruction in a simple handicraft or other useful occupation. The Institution is under the care of a Resident Medical Superintendent and two Assistant Medical Officers.

Epileptic, Paralytic, Tuberculous, and Insane Persons are *not* eligible for admission; nor those who are incurably Hydrocephalic. Idiocy which is complicated with blindness or deafness, is also a disqualification.

The following are some of the principal Rules and Regulations:

PATIENTS.—Two classes of Patients, of both sexes, are admitted into the Asylum:

1. Free patients, between the ages of Six and Fifteen, whose friends are proved to be unable to meet the lowest payment. They are elected by the votes of the Subscribers, and received for Seven years, subject to the Rules and Regulations of the Asylum.
2. Paying patients admitted by the Central Committee, without election, and at any time. The charges vary according to the requirements and circumstances of the friends of applicants.

APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION.—Applications must be addressed to the Secretary, from whom all necessary information may be obtained. The Central Committee will institute inquiries to ascertain if there be a reasonable probability that the Candidates will be benefited by the system adopted in the Asylum, and decide the terms on which they ought to be admitted. Previously to the election, a list of approved applicants from each County will be sent to the Subscribers entitled to vote for the admission of patients.

MODE OF ELECTING PATIENTS.—In order to meet the various opinions entertained as to the proper mode of electing patients, Subscribers have the option of voting directly by means of voting papers, or of transferring their votes to their respective Local or County Committees. Canvassing for Votes is prohibited.



VOTES.—Donors of Five Guineas have a Life Vote, and Annual Subscribers of Half-a-Guinea an Annual Vote, for each vacancy due to their respective Counties. The right of voting, as regards higher sums, increases in the same proportion.

VOTES OF MINISTERS.—Any Minister preaching, or lending his pulpit for, a Sermon on behalf of the Institution, has a Vote for Life. The Minister of the Place of Worship where the Collection is made, is also entitled to Votes for the amount thus raised.

PERPETUATION OF VOTES.—At the death of a Donor, a vote for every Ten Guineas of his gift is vested in perpetuity in the Committee of the County to which the gift was originally made; and Legacies confer the same privilege. This voting power is never to exceed one-fourth of the entire voting power belonging to the Donors and Subscribers in the County.

GOVERNMENT.—The Government of the Institution is confided to—

- (a) A Central Committee, which consists of Representatives from each of the Local Committees; and of Fifteen Subscribers resident in the neighbourhood of Lancaster, to be chosen at the General Annual Meeting.
- (b) County Committees constituted by the Members of the Central Committee forming themselves into Sub-Committees for promoting, in their respective Counties, the interests of the Asylum.
- (c) Local Committees, for the purpose of obtaining funds and generally promoting the interests of the Asylum. Every Local Committee is entitled to send one Representative to the Central Committee, and an additional Representative for each entire Thousand Guineas in Donations after the first Thousand Guineas, and for each entire Fifty Guineas in Annual Subscriptions after the first Fifty Guineas, contributed in that district.

The number of patients *elected* by each County is regulated by the amount of its contributions. Of the 660 patients now in the Asylum, 273 belong to Lancashire, 201 to Yorkshire, 60 to Durham, 59 to Cheshire, 29 to Cumberland, 18 to Northumberland, 13 to Westmorland. Seven full payment cases belong to counties not included in the Asylum district.

Testimony to the successful working of the Royal Albert Asylum has been borne by the Commissioners in Lunacy; by the late Dr. Seguin, of New York; and by other eminent authorities. The *Manchester Guardian*, *Manchester Examiner*, *Manchester Courier*, *Liverpool Courier*, *Leeds Mercury*, *Sheffield Independent*, *Yorkshire Observer*, *Yorkshire Post*, *Lancashire Daily Post*, *Preston Guardian*, *Preston Herald*, *Halifax Courier*, *Southport Visiter*, *Kendal Mercury*, *Waterloo Herald*, *Yorkshire Herald*, and other leading journals, have sent Special Correspondents to describe the daily life of the Institution.

The OBJECT being one of broad Christian philanthropy, CHALLENGES THE SYMPATHY OF ALL CLASSES, and the Committee now confidently appeal for help to raise the Feeble-minded from their state of wasteful sloth, physical deterioration, and mental and moral darkness. The Applications for Admission are both numerous and urgent. The Central Committee, therefore, while gratefully acknowledging the generous support which they have received in the past, earnestly APPEAL FOR ADDITIONAL DONATIONS AND ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS. Legacies are invested, under Rule 36, for the permanent benefit of the Institution.

Reports, Pamphlets, Regulations of Admission, and other information, will be gladly supplied by the Secretary, Mr. Samuel Keir, The Royal Albert Asylum, Lancaster.

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# EIGHTH QUINQUENNIAL FESTIVAL

AT THE ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM, SEPT. 30TH, 1908.

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## GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING.

THE GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING of the Subscribers to the ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM was held in the De Vitré Hall of the Institution on Wednesday, September 30th, 1908,

THE RIGHT HON. SIR JOHN T. HIBBERT, K.C.B.  
(Chairman of the Central Committee),

PRESIDING.

The Minutes of the previous General Annual Meeting, held at York on October 18th, 1907, were submitted by the Secretary (Mr. S. Keir), and confirmed.

The Report of the Central Committee was presented by the CHAIRMAN, who then addressed the meeting.

The following RESOLUTIONS were unanimously passed :

- 1.—That this Meeting approves and adopts the Report now presented, and warmly congratulates the Chairman and Members of the Central Committee upon the record of successful work and progress therein contained.

Moved by the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee; seconded by Colonel Richard F. Cavendish, Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee; and supported by Norval W. Helme, Esq., M.P., Lancaster.

- 2.—That the Lancaster Members of the Central Committee be cordially thanked for their able and disinterested services; and that, in compliance with Rule XXIV, the Right Hon. Sir JOHN T.

HIBBERT, K.C.B., and the following Gentlemen be appointed Members of the Central Committee for the ensuing year :

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Moved by George D. Killey, Esq., Hon. Treasurer of the Liverpool Local Committee; and seconded by Dr. F. F. German, Liverpool.

- 3.—That the thanks of this Meeting be given to the Honorary Auditor, the Rev. W. L. Appleford, and to the Professional Auditor, Mr. Alfred B. S. Welch, for their careful audit of the Accounts of the Royal Albert Asylum; and that, in compliance with Rule XXXIV, James Heald, Esq., be hereby appointed as Honorary Auditor, and Mr. Alfred B. S. Welch as Professional Auditor, for the ensuing year.

Moved by James Williamson Wearing, Esq., Lancaster, Chairman of the Finance Committee; and seconded by Robert Mansergh, Esq., Lancaster.

- 4.—That, in accordance with Rule XXXVI, Richard Frederick Cavendish, Esq., of Holker Hall, Cark-in-Cartmel, and Thomas Atkinson Argles, Esq., of Eversley, Milnthorpe, be and are hereby appointed additional Trustees for Investments in place of the late George Blucher Heneage Marton, and of Frederic James Harrison, who has expressed his desire to retire from the Trusteeship, and whose resignation is hereby accepted.

Moved by W. G. Welch, Esq., Lancaster; and seconded by C. John Clark, Esq., Lancaster.

- 5.—That, circumstances permitting, the next General Annual Meeting of the Royal Albert Asylum be held at BRADFORD, on Wednesday, September 29th. 1909; and that notice thereof be given in the Lancaster, Manchester, Liverpool, Rochdale, York, Leeds, Bradford, Halifax, Huddersfield, Sheffield, Chester, Kendal, Carlisle, Durham and Newcastle newspapers.

Moved by Herbert L. Storey, Esq., Lancaster; and seconded by A. R. Crossley, Esq., Hebden Bridge.



Long-service Medals were then presented to sixteen Members of the Institution Staff by Lady Hibbert, to whom a cordial Vote of Thanks was accorded on the motion of Samuel Satterthwaite, Esq., Lancaster, seconded by the Rev. A. R. Tomlinson, Bolton-le-Sands.

A Vote of Thanks to the Members of the Staff was moved by the Rev. W. L. Appleford, Lancaster, and seconded by Dr. Wm. Hall, Lancaster; and the proceedings ended with a Vote of Thanks to the Chairman, moved by E. B. Dawson, Esq., Lancaster, and seconded by Dr. Archibald R. Douglas, Medical Superintendent of the Royal Albert Asylum.

SAMUEL KEIR,  
SECRETARY.

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During the afternoon, a PUBLIC MEETING took place in the De Vitre Hall, under the presidency of the Right Hon. VISCOUNT CROSS, who delivered an introductory address.

The following RESOLUTIONS were unanimously passed :

- 1.—That this Meeting hears with the deepest satisfaction of the continued progress and unabated prosperity of the Royal Albert Asylum, and trusts that the Central Committee's appeal for an increased income may meet with a generous response, so that full advantage may be taken of the resources of the Institution.

Moved by Sir James Crichton Browne, M.D., London; seconded by the Right Rev. Bishop Welldon, Dean of Manchester; and supported by Dr. F. F. German, Liverpool.

- 2.—That the Honorary Officers and Members of the County and Local Committees and Ladies' Associations connected with the Royal Albert Asylum be cordially thanked for their valuable assistance, and earnestly requested to continue their disinterested efforts in aid of the Institution.

Moved by the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Ormskirk; and seconded by Colonel Richard F. Cavendish, Holker Hall.

The Meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks to the Chairman, moved by the Right Hon. Sir John T. Hibbert, K.C.B., Chairman of the Central Committee, and seconded by Sir W. E. M. Tomlinson, Bart., Heysham.

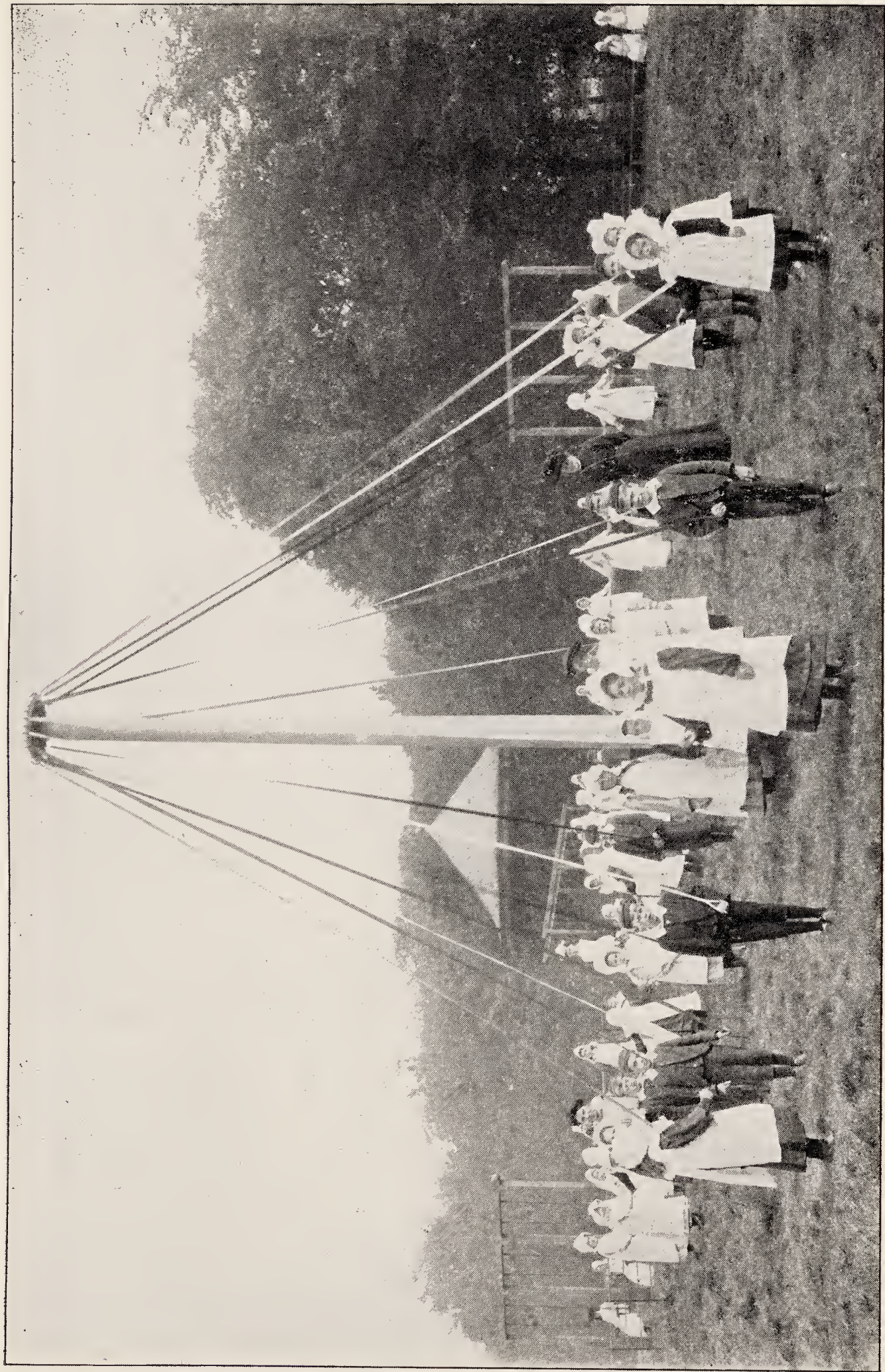
SAMUEL KEIR,  
SECRETARY.

## LUNCHEON.

Prior to the Public Meeting, the FESTIVAL LUNCHEON was held in the Winmarleigh Hall of the Asylum, under the presidency of  
THE RIGHT HON. VISCOUNT CROSS, G.C.B., G.C.S.I.

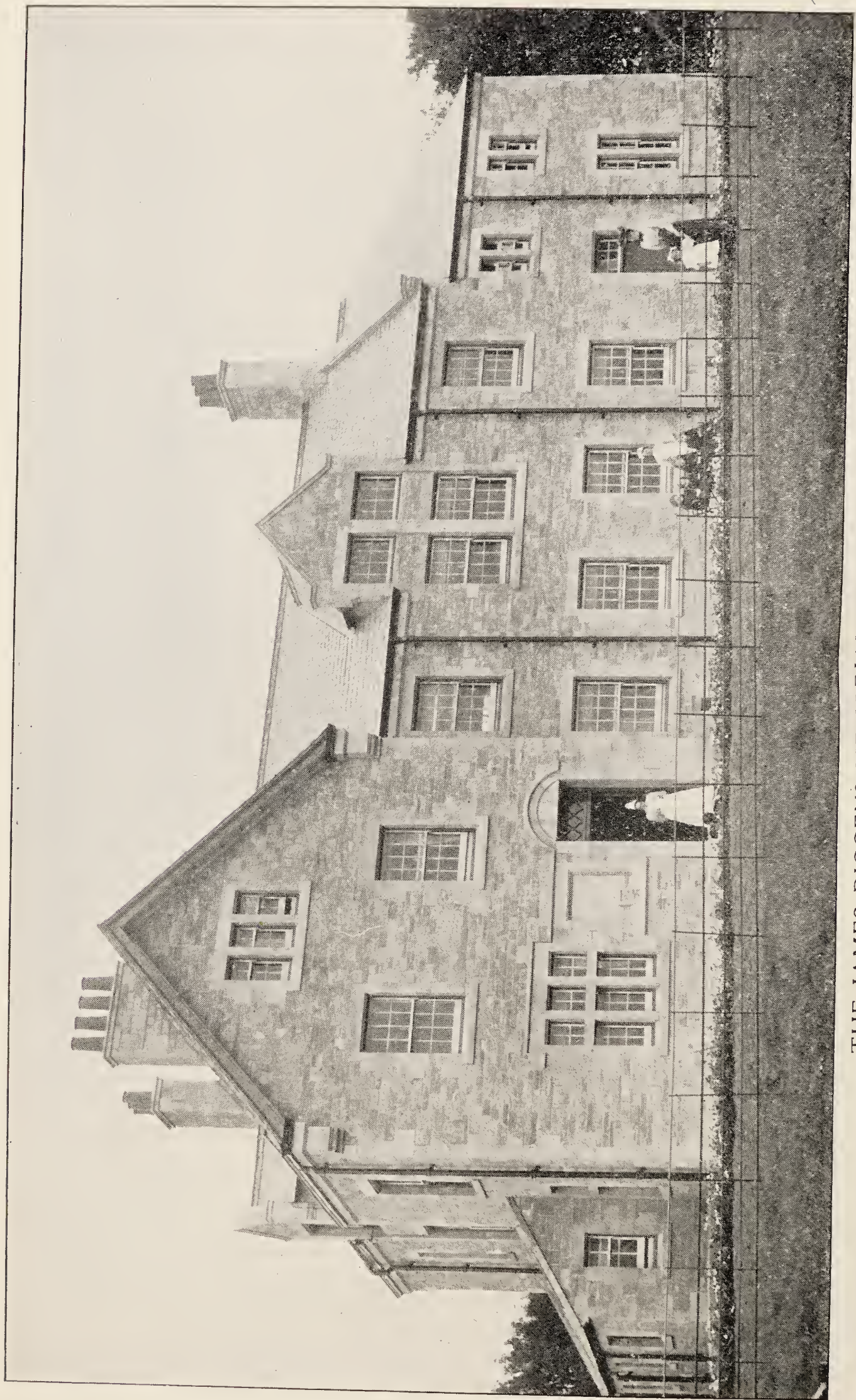
There was a large attendance of Subscribers and Friends of the Asylum, amongst whom were the following : The Right Hon. Viscount Cross, G.C.B., G.C.S.I., and Miss Cross; the Right Hon. Sir John T. Hibbert, K.C.B., Lady Hibbert, and Miss Newbolt, Grange-over-Sands; the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Ormskirk; the Right Rev. Bishop Welldon, D.D., Dean of Manchester; Sir W. E. M. Tomlinson, Bart., and Miss Tomlinson, Heysham; Sir James Crichton Browne, M.D., LL.D., and Miss Sybil Taylor, London; Colonel Richard F. Cavendish, Holker Hall; Rev. W. L. Appleford, Lancaster; Rev. W. Armitage, Scotforth; Mr. Alfred Aslett, Ulverston; Mr. G. W. Barrow, Lancaster; Major F. Burns Bell, Lancaster; Mr. Johnson Bennett, Lancaster; Mr. C. John Clark and Miss Clark, Cross Hill; Rev. J. F. Cowley, Lancaster; Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Crossley, Hebden Bridge; Mr. W. I. R. Crowder, Carlisle; Dr. F. F. German, Liverpool; Dr. Wm. Hall, Lancaster; Mr. C. E. Harriss, Lancaster; Mr. and Mrs. James Heald, Lancaster; Mr. Norval W. Helme, M.P., Lancaster; Mr. G. D. Killey, Liverpool; Mr. Robert Mansergh, Grange-over-Sands; Mr. Harry Meade, Tenui, New Zealand; Miss Nicholson and Miss Chippendale, Penrith; Miss Paley, Lancaster; Dr. and Mrs. Ramsay, Blackburn; Mr. Samuel Satterthwaite, Lancaster; Rev. W. H. Scotter, Witherslack; Dr. G. E. Shuttleworth, London; Mrs. T. D. Smith, Lancaster; Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Smith, Lancaster; Mr. Edward Storey, Lancaster; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Storey, Lancaster; Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Sturton, Lancaster; Rev. A. R. Tomlinson, Bolton-le-Sands; Mr. Henry Warbrick, Lancaster; Mr. Jas. Williamson Wearing, Lancaster; Mr. and Mrs. A. B. S. Welch, Lancaster; Mr. W. G. Welch, Hampson, Lancaster; Mr. J. M. Wigley, Lancaster; Dr. Archibald R. Douglas (Medical Superintendent) and Mrs. Douglas, Mr. S. Keir (Secretary) and Mrs. Keir, Dr. W. H. Coupland (Senior Assistant Medical Officer), Dr. D. W. Hunter (Junior Assistant Medical Officer), Miss Siviour (Matron), &c.





THE RECREATION FIELDS.





THE JAMES DIGGENS MEMORIAL RECEPTION HOUSE.



# R E P O R T

*For Presentation at the General Annual Meeting  
at Lancaster, 1908.*

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The Central Committee of the Royal Albert Asylum have pleasure in again meeting the subscribers at the Institution, on the occasion of the Eighth Quinquennial Festival, and in submitting for their approval the Forty-fourth Annual Report. The record of successful effort and encouraging progress which must be placed to the credit of the year just completed inspires hopefulness for the future, and justifies the Committee in appealing for a continuance of the generous support which has hitherto always been forthcoming.

Each Quinquennial Festival affords a convenient opportunity for recalling the history of the Institution and for reviewing the development of its useful work. Established in the year 1864, as the result of the self-sacrificing donation of £2,000 given by the late Mr. James Brunton, of Lancaster, the Institution shortly afterwards acquired an estate of 42 acres in a most favourable position, and the foundation stone of the

Progress.

building was laid by the late Earl of Zetland, Grand Master of the Freemasons of England, on the 17th of June, 1868. The portion of the building first completed was the Brooke Wing, which was opened by the then Duke of Devonshire on the 14th of September, 1870, and the first three patients were soon afterwards admitted. The first Quinquennial Festival was held on the 8th of October, 1873, for the purpose of celebrating the completion of the Asylum, and there were then 162 patients, as compared with 660 at the present time. Still taking for comparison the figures at the date of the first Festival, the annual subscriptions have been nearly doubled, the interest on investments has been more than quadrupled, and the estate has been enlarged to 185 acres. To the Main Building has been added the Ashton Wing, and round it have been grouped the Winmarleigh Hall, the Rodgett Infirmary and the Storey Home, with the Farm-house and buildings, three lodges and 23 cottages; while the interval since the last Quinquennial Festival has seen the addition of the Herbert Storey Industrial Schools and Workshops and the James Diggens Memorial Reception House. The names of most of these buildings commemorate magnificent benefactions which will ever hold an honoured place in the annals of the Institution and to which the Committee refer with the most heartfelt gratitude. Nor in this brief retrospect can fitting acknowledgment be omitted of the services rendered by many willing helpers who have spared neither time nor energy in the cause of the Institution, prominent amongst them being the three Chairmen of the Central Committee, the late Dr. de Vitré, the late Lord Winmarleigh, and the Right Hon. Sir John T. Hibbert, K.C.B., who has held office since the year 1890.

General  
Annual  
Meeting  
at York.

The last Annual Meeting was held in St. William's College at York on the 18th of October, 1907, when the Marquess of Zetland presided over a large and influential assembly, which included many visitors from a distance. A severe cold unfortunately prevented Sir John Hibbert



from attending, and in his absence the objects and methods of the Asylum were ably explained by the late Colonel Foster, to whose lamented death reference is made elsewhere. This was Colonel Foster's last appearance at a public meeting in aid of the Institution, whose claims he was always eager to advocate. Other speakers were the Lord Mayor of York (Ald. S. Border), the High Sheriff of Yorkshire (Sir G. J. Armytage), the Under Sheriff of Yorkshire (Mr. E. Gray), the Sheriff of York (Mr. S. W. Meyer), the Dean of York, the Bishop of Beverley, Sir Geo. H. Philipson (Newcastle-on-Tyne), Sir W. E. M. Tomlinson (Heysham), Ald. C. F. Tetley (Leeds), Mr. J. R. Hill (York), and the two Hon. Secretaries of the York Committee (Dr. Ramsay and Dr. F. Shann). The two gentlemen last named spared no effort to ensure the success of the meeting (which resulted in new subscriptions and donations amounting to over £130), and to them, as also to the Dean of York (Chairman of the York Committee), who kindly preached in the Minster in aid of the Asylum, especial thanks are due. The Committee desire cordially to acknowledge the hospitality of the Lord Mayor of York, many of the gentlemen taking part in the proceedings being his guests at luncheon at the Mansion House. In his introductory address, the Marquess of Zetland stated :

He was delighted to hear of the great progress made by the Institution, but he thought comparatively few people realised the benefits conferred by it throughout the very wide area which it served. The progress made spoke volumes for the ability of those who had had the management of its affairs, a particularly noteworthy fact being that, although the Institution was entirely dependent upon voluntary contributions, and so large a sum as £184,000 had been laid out in buildings and the purchase of 185 acres of land around the Asylum, it was free from a single penny of debt. The accommodation had been increased until 700 patients could be housed in addition to the resident staff, and the Committee were appealing for an additional income of £1,750 per year to enable the fullest use to be made of the room at their disposal. They had heard that Yorkshire as a whole had not been unmindful of the claims of the Institution, but he wished to call attention to the fact that the cost of the patients from York and the North and East Ridings far exceeded the contributions from those portions of the county. In other words, the measure of support they in that district accorded to the Institution was not by any means proportionate to the benefits they received. He believed he would be borne out by others when he said that the word "asylum" was an unfortunate term in regard to such an Institution as the Royal

Marquess of  
Zetland, K T.

Albert. The word always put one in mind of an Institution maintained by the ratepayers, whereas the Royal Albert did not receive any contribution from the rates or any grant whatever, but was entirely dependent for its upkeep upon the liberality of those interested in its welfare and of the generously disposed throughout the northern counties. That being the case, it would afford him great pleasure to give a donation of fifty guineas to the funds of the Institution.

Annual  
Election of  
Patients.

After an interval of more than seven years, Durham was revisited on the 8th of May last, when an Election of Forty Patients took place in the Town Hall under the presidency of the Dean of Durham; Sir George H. Philipson (Newcastle-on-Tyne), Mr. T. J. Tomlinson (Durham), Mr. E. W. Wakefield (Kendal), and Mr. S. Satterthwaite and Colonel Cooper Turner (Lancaster), acting as scrutineers. For the forty vacancies there were 92 applicants, Lancashire having 29 candidates for 14 places, Yorkshire 32 for 12 places, Cheshire 10 for 5 places, Westmorland 6 for 2 places, Cumberland 5 for 2 places, Durham 6 for 3 places, and Northumberland 4 for 2 places. The fact that on this occasion more than half the candidates were necessarily unsuccessful, and that only twelve vacancies could be allotted to Yorkshire for 32 candidates, adds point to the Committee's appeal for further funds to enable them to admit a greater number of election patients. It will be noted with satisfaction that only three applicants who had failed at the previous election were again unsuccessful, and one of these has since been admitted in place of another candidate.

Election  
Meeting at  
Durham.

The formal proceedings in connection with the election were followed by a public meeting, also held in the Town Hall, at which the result was announced. Lord Barnard presided, and an extract from the excellent address delivered by him is quoted on a subsequent page. He also emphasised the desirability of a larger income in order that greater advantage might be taken of the present accommodation, and his advocacy was warmly supported by the Dean of Durham, and by Sir George Philipson, Mr. J. R. Heape (Rochdale), Mr. B. S. Brigg (Keighley), Mr. E. W. Wakefield (Kendal), Colonel Cooper Turner (Lancaster), Dr. Plummer and Dr. Hy. Smith



(Durham), and others. There was a good attendance, and several new contributions were announced, including a donation of 10 guineas from Miss Hays, now and for many years past one of the Hon. Secretaries of the most successful Durham Ladies' Association. The Committee are deeply indebted to Dr. Kitchin (Chairman of the Durham Committee), by whom many of those concerned in the meeting were hospitably entertained at the Deanery, and they also thank the Hon. Secretary (Mr. T. J. Tomlinson) for much willing assistance.

The Committee again have to record a gratifying increase in the number of patients under care, the average number resident during the year having risen to 647, from 637 in 1907 and 627 in 1906. This addition of twenty inmates within the last two years shows that a strenuous effort is being made to cope with the demands upon the accommodation at disposal, and fully justifies the Committee's appeal for further funds. On the 30th of June, there were in the Institution 660 patients, of whom 430 were boys and 230 girls, as against a total of 653 on the corresponding date last year. Of the 660 inmates, as many as 287 were free cases admitted by election, being an increase of 17 upon last year's total, and 337 other cases were received at reduced rates of payment. From these figures subscribers will gain an idea of the immense amount of beneficent work done by the Asylum, and also of the increasing urgency of the demands upon its resources. There were also 15 life patients, 1 presentation case, 14 full-payment cases and 6 associated and private patients, making the full number of inmates, who were received from the following counties :

Number and  
Classification  
of Patients.

Lancashire .....	273
Yorkshire .....	201
Durham .....	60
Cheshire .....	59
Cumberland .....	29
Northumberland .....	18
Westmorland .....	13
Other Counties.....	7
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	660

## Finances.

Financially the position of the Institution continues to give cause for satisfaction, the total income from all sources, exclusive of farm items, having increased during the year from £29,476 to £30,736. Dealing first with Maintenance Account, the receipts under this head amount to £25,360, and the Committee note with gratification increases of £88 in the income from annual subscriptions and of £628 in the amount received in donations, the latter item including the generous gift of £500 from Mr. Edward Storey to which reference was made last year. Investments and bank deposits have produced additional interest amounting to £251 and £70 respectively, and there has been an advance of £103 in the payments for patients, which include a sum of £800 voluntarily contributed by the relatives and friends of election cases. The receipts on Sustentation Fund Account amount to £5,118, as compared with £3,432 last year, the sum of £3,901 having been received in legacies amounting to upwards of fifty guineas each, benefactions of less than that amount not being invested. The Institution has also been favoured with a donation of £1,000 from the residuary estate of the late Mr. James Holden, whose bequest of £2,000 was received in the year 1897. The Committee renew their appeal for additional annual subscriptions, the rapid increase in the average number of inmates having led to a proportionate advance in the expenditure, and an enhanced income being required if advantage is to be taken of the accommodation which still remains vacant.

## Legacies.

During the year, legacies amounting to nearly £3,972, have been received, as detailed in the appended list. In addition, bequests of £1,350 and £2,000, left respectively by the late Miss Ellen Culpan, of Nunroyd, Heckmond-wike, and the late Mrs. Churton, of Watergate Flags, Chester, have been announced, so that there is a continuance of the Asylum's good fortune in this direction. The interest derived from the investment of such benefactions forms a permanent addition to the income, and the counties from which they are received benefit through



the additional voting-power conferred upon the respective Committees, and are also entitled to send a larger number of election cases. The following legacies are gratefully acknowledged :

	£	s.	d.
Dame Dorothy Gray, West Hartlepool .....	2,000	0	0
Mrs. Emily Charlotte Macbean, Lancaster .....	1,000	0	0
John Stirling, Muir of Ord .....	500	0	0
Joseph Duxbury, Accrington .....	200	0	0
Miss Ann Whitehead, Bolton .....	200	0	0
Mrs. Elizabeth Combe, Grantham .....	50	11	3
Mrs. Jane King, Garstang.....	20	0	0
Mrs. Joyce Cockle, Halifax (additional, making £162 14s. 9d.)	1	8	2

Including staff, office and administrative expenses, as well as building sundries, workshops, repairs and furniture, the average weekly cost of maintenance per head during the year comes to 14s. 4d., as against last year's very low average of 13s. 9d. The omission of the four items last mentioned reduces the average weekly cost to 13s. 2½d. per patient, which must be regarded as exceedingly moderate in view of the special care and treatment required by the inmates and the variety of manual and industrial occupation provided for their benefit in addition to the ordinary scholastic instruction. Among the items of extra expenditure, it may be mentioned that an advance in the contract price has sent up the cost of coal and slack by some £400, and there has also been an increase in the amount paid for provisions. The continuous advance in the average number of patients, with the additional staff which this necessarily entails, tends every year to increase the amount of the total expenditure.

Average  
Weekly Cost  
of  
Maintenance.

The account books, vouchers and balance sheets have been examined and certified as correct by the professional auditor, Mr. A. B. S. Welch, who has had the assistance of the Rev. W. L. Appleford as honorary auditor. These gentlemen also inspected the securities representing the Sustentation Fund Investments, and their report will be found to be in every respect of a satisfactory nature.

Audit.

Contributions  
from the  
Seven  
Counties.

In submitting the following statement, showing the amounts contributed to the Maintenance, Sustentation and Reception House Funds during the year by each of the Seven Associated Counties, the Committee have pleasure in drawing attention to the continued improvement in the position of Northumberland :

COUNTIES.	MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.			SUSTENTATION FUND ACCOUNT.		RECEPTION HOUSE FUND.	TOTAL.
	Annual Subscrip- tions.	Donations.	Legacies.	Legacies.	Dona- tions.	Donations.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
LANCASHIRE .....	1578 5 10	600 4 4	70 11 3	1400 0 0	1000 0 0	113 3 0	4762 4 5
YORKSHIRE .....	1207 0 11	165 1 4	.....	1 8 2	.....	8 3 0	1381 13 5
CHESHIRE .....	425 9 3	42 19 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	468 8 5
WESTMORLAND.....	180 17 9	2 14 4	.....	.....	.....	2 10 0	186 2 1
CUMBERLAND .....	268 11 6	5 5 11	.....	500 0 0	.....	1 1 0	774 18 5
DURHAM .....	384 0 1	10 10 0	.....	2000 0 0	.....	10 10 0	2405 0 1
NORTHUMBERLAND	146 14 0	56 18 8	.....	.....	.....	.....	203 12 8
	4190 19 4	883 13 9	70 11 3	3901 8 2	1000 0 0	135 7 0	10181 19 6

Amounts  
Collected.

That the several Ladies' Associations have again rendered invaluable assistance will be gathered from the following statement, showing in detail the amounts collected by them during the year :

	Annual Subscriptions.			Donations.			Total.		
MANCHESTER DISTRICT :	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Manchester.....	254	15	0	17	8	4	272	3	4
„ (Rochdale Branch)	72	19	6	0	10	0	73	9	6
„ (Bolton Branch) ...	65	19	0	2	3	0	68	2	0
„ (Bury Branch) .....	52	19	0	0	13	0	53	12	0
„ (Burnley Branch) ...	33	19	6	...	...	...	33	19	6
„ (Oldham Branch)...	26	18	0	...	...	...	26	18	0
„ (Wigan Branch) ...	20	5	6	3	2	6	23	8	0
„ (Leigh Branch) .....	9	13	0	2	14	0	12	7	0
„ (Ashton Branch) ...	8	7	0	0	10	6	8	17	6
	545	15	6	27	1	4	572	16	10
CHESHIRE .....	374	12	9	42	19	2	417	11	11
HALIFAX .....	349	8	2	14	17	10	364	6	0
DURHAM.....	363	10	7	10	10	0	374	0	7
CUMBERLAND .....	219	12	0	6	6	11	225	18	11
LIVERPOOL .....	175	16	0	8	13	6	184	9	6
BRADFORD.....	160	8	3	...	...	...	160	8	3
WESTMORLAND .....	153	14	3	2	14	4	156	8	7
HUDDERSFIELD .....	110	14	0	3	2	9	113	16	9
LEEDS.....	76	15	0	...	...	...	76	15	0
YORK .....	68	4	6	0	4	6	68	9	0
NORTHUMBERLAND.....	41	19	0	6	2	0	48	1	0
SOUTHPORT .....	24	0	6	9	15	6	33	16	0
OTHER PLACES .....	4	7	6	2	0	0	6	7	6
	£2668	18	0	134	7	10	2803	5	10



It will be seen from the foregoing table that the persevering efforts of the ladies have again met with a gratifying measure of success, and the Committee have to thank them for a substantial augmentation of the income. The collection compares favourably with last year's total of £2,775 15s. 7d., and it is satisfactory to note that so large a proportion of the amount consists of annual subscriptions, which have increased by more than £43. The Manchester District Association as a whole has had a successful year, nearly all the branches having maintained or improved upon last year's figures, while the recently formed Leigh Association has begun its career with a collection of £12 7s. The Durham, Cumberland and Westmorland Associations have also done well, and there have been encouraging increases at Southport, Huddersfield, York and Leeds, more than counterbalancing losses in Cheshire and Northumberland and at Liverpool, Bradford and Halifax. It should be mentioned that the decrease in the Northumberland collection has been more than made up by a substantial advance in the amount of general subscriptions and donations. Successful drawing-room meetings have been promoted by Lady Royds at Rochdale and by Mrs. Thorp at Leigh, the latter resulting in the formation of the new Leigh Branch Association, with Miss Thorp as Hon. Secretary. Associations are also about to be organised for the district of North Lonsdale, and for the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire, and other places will be dealt with as opportunity offers. The debt of gratitude owing to the ladies may be estimated from the statement that their disinterested exertions in connection with the several Associations established since the year 1875 have benefited the Institution to the extent of not less than £70,904 8s., the Durham and Manchester Associations having collected respectively £12,271 and £11,331, Cheshire £10,333 and Halifax £10,042.

Ladies'  
Associations.

Miss Rayner once more deserves cordial congratulation upon her splendid work in the Brighouse district, her collection this year amounting to as much as £112 13s. When it is stated that this large sum is made up to a considerable extent of small contributions, some idea may be conveyed of the amount of persevering effort which its collection entails. Grateful reference must also be made to the valuable assistance rendered by the following collectors who have been exceptionally successful: Mrs. W. E. B. Priestley (Bradford) with £57 10s. 6d., Mrs. John Powell (Crewe) with £45 1s. 6d., Mrs. G. D. Killey (Liver-

Collectors.

pool) with £39 4s. 6d., and Mrs. E. J. Crossley (Hebden Bridge) with £36 15s. 0d. Mrs. Powell's collection includes £21 0s. 6d., representing the proceeds of a benefit concert promoted by her. Regretful reference must be made to the retirement of Mrs. Killey, who is no longer able to continue her successful efforts in the Waterloo district, mention of which has been made on previous occasions. Miss McCulloch has kindly consented to act as her successor. Mr. John Whitley has continued his collection in connection with the Halifax Ladies' Association, having this year obtained £43 1s. 0d., and Mr. I. Watteu has been very successful in the Newcastle district, where he has collected £61 6s. 6d., including £26 14s. 6d. in new annual subscriptions. A further sum of £26 2s. 6d. was received as the result of a most enjoyable concert held at Newcastle-on-Tyne in January last, when the claims of the Institution were explained to a large and influential assemblage by Sir Geo. H. Philipson and others; and the annual concert at Wortley realised £17, including subscriptions and donations collected in connection with it by the Wortley and District Branch Committee.

#### Changes.

Reference has already been made to one or two changes which have occurred during the year amongst the Officers and Collectors of the various Ladies' Associations. The appointment of Mrs. Clarke as President of the Rochdale Association may also be mentioned, while Miss Elfrida Bowes has succeeded Miss Dale as Treasurer of the Liverpool Association, and at Wigan Mrs. Latham has taken up the duties relinquished by Mrs. Benson and Mrs. Wilson, who have previously acted as Hon. Secretaries. With so many voluntary workers, it is not surprising to find that there have been numerous changes amongst the collectors, which cannot be dealt with in detail, but to all the retiring ladies sincere thanks are tendered for their past services. At Southport, where Miss Hamer has been fortunate in securing several additional collectors, the income has been practically doubled during the year.

#### Clergymen and Ministers.

Clergymen and Ministers introduce so many applicants for free admission by election that the Committee feel justified in renewing the appeal for their assistance, which has been urged on many previous occasions. Considering the beneficent nature of the work undertaken so successfully by the Royal Albert Asylum, exception could scarcely be taken to its inclusion as one of the charities for whose



benefit special sermons are preached, or annual collections made, in churches and chapels throughout the northern counties of England. Within the district mentioned, there can hardly be a town or village of any size which has not furnished the Institution with an inmate, and on which it has not in consequence a strong and direct claim. Grateful acknowledgments are due to the following gentlemen, who have during the year advocated the cause of the Institution :

The Very Rev. the Dean of York, The Minster, York.

Rev. W. L. Appleford, Ripley Hospital Church, Lancaster.

Rev. H. G. Croft, Chaplain of Sedgfield Asylum.

Rev. Canon Garnett, Christleton Church, Chester.

Rev. M. Headlam, St. John's Church, Keswick.

Rev. Mr. Higham, Unitarian Church, Ashton-in-Makerfield.

Rev. Phipps J. Hornby, St. Michael's-on-Wyre Church, Garstang.

Rev. John T. Lawton, St. Thomas's Church, Leigh.

To the gradual increase in the number of contributions from Industrial Societies and similar organisations the Committee again refer with satisfaction. The example of the societies mentioned in the appended list might well be followed by others ; and members of friendly and trade societies, and of other associations having at heart the welfare of the industrial classes, might also be asked to consider the claims of the Institution. In this connection the following extract from Lord Barnard's speech at the recent Durham meeting may appropriately be quoted :

Subscriptions  
from  
Co-operative  
Societies, &c.

"They in Durham lived in the midst of an enormously thick industrial population, and knew the hardships which must be imposed on small households by having one of their children practically incapable of exerting the same mental power that an ordinary well-developed child could do. They knew that the pitmen as a whole were a body of men who had as great love for their families as the rest of mankind, and their generosity, he did not hesitate to say, towards every kind of charitable Institution exceeded that of every class with whom he had had to deal. They could always look to the working classes for support, and he suggested to those responsible for the management of the Institution that if they could enlist on their side the interest of the pitmen's organisations these societies would, he felt sure, respond to an appeal which they knew was made not only for the benefit of their own class but for suffering humanity generally."

Lord Barnard.

	£	s.	d.
Rochdale Equitable Pioneers' Society.....	21	0	0
Rochdale Provident Co-operative Society, Limited	15	15	0
Brighouse District Industrial Society .....	5	5	0
Bury Co-operative Society .....	5	5	0
Crewe Co-operative Friendly Society, Limited ...	5	5	0
Gateshead Industrial Co-operative Society, Ltd....	5	5	0
Heywood Industrial Co-operative Society, Ltd. ...	5	5	0
Jarrow and Hebburn Co-operative Society, Ltd....	5	5	0
Manchester and Salford Equitable Co-operative Society.....	5	5	0
Oldham Equitable Co-operative Society .....	5	5	0
Dewsbury Industrial Pioneers' Society .....	5	5	0
Great & Little Bolton Co-operative Society .....	5	5	0
Huddersfield Co-operative Society .....	5	5	0
Bishop Auckland Co-operative Society .....	5	0	0
Hebden Bridge Industrial Co-operative Society ...	3	3	0
Hebden Bridge Fustian Co-operative Society .....	3	3	0
Eccles Provident Industrial Co-operative Society, Limited .....	3	3	0
Doncaster Mutual Co-operative Industrial Society	2	2	0
Failsworth Industrial Society, Limited .....	2	2	0
Leeds Industrial Co-operative Society.....	2	2	0
Preston Industrial Co-operative Society, Limited	2	2	0
Sowerby Bridge Industrial Society .....	2	2	0
Sowerby Bridge Flour Society .....	2	2	0
Great Harwood Co-operative Society .....	2	2	0
Halifax Flour Society, Limited .....	2	2	0
Blackley Co-operative Society, Limited.....	1	1	0
Co-operative Printing Society, Limited, Man- chester.....	1	1	0
Durham Co-operative Society.....	1	1	0
Luddenden Industrial Society .....	1	1	0
Murton Colliery Co-operative Society, Limited...	1	1	0
Parkgate and Berry Brow Co-operative Society...	1	1	0
Prestwich Co-operative Society.....	1	1	0
Stainland and Holywell Green Industrial Society	1	1	0
Willington Co-operative Industrial Society, Ltd.	1	1	0
Egremont Co-operative Society (Cumberland)...	0	10	6

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Also from the Newbold Friendly Society, Rochdale 10 0 0  
The Brighouse Friendly Societies and Trades  
Demonstration Committee, Rastrick, Brighouse 5 0 0

Special  
Contributions.

The Committee have pleasure in drawing attention to  
the following Special Contributions :

	£	s.	d.
The Executors of the late Mr. James Holden, Rochdale (a donation from the residuary estate) .....	1,000	0	0
Mr. Edward Storey, Lancaster (for farm im- provements).....	500	0	0
Sir Wm. Hy. Tate, Liverpool, High Sheriff of Lancashire (Reception House donation) .....	105	0	0
The Most Hon. the Marquess of Zetland, K.T.	52	10	0



	£	s.	d.
Anonymous, per Mr. B. S. Brigg, Keighley (for photographic studio) .....	50	0	0
Proceeds of Concert at Newcastle-upon-Tyne...	26	2	6
The Executors of the late Mr. James Kevan, Bolton (a donation from amount placed at their discretion for charitable purposes) .....	25	0	0
Miss Staniforth, Sheffield (in lieu of further subscriptions) .....	25	0	0
Proceeds of Concert at Crewe .....	21	0	6
Messrs. Swan, Hunter and Wigham Richardson, Limited (a donation from the "Mauretania" Fund).....	21	0	0
Rochdale Equitable Pioneers' Society, Limited	21	0	0
Rochdale Provident Co-operative Society .....	15	15	0
The High Sheriff of Yorkshire (Sir Geo. J. Armytage, Brighouse) .....	10	10	0
The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of Leeds (Sir Wilfred L. Hepton) .....	10	10	0
Mr. Herbert L. Storey, Lancaster .....	10	0	0
Mrs. Longueville Jones, Pontefract .....	10	0	0
Proceeds of Concert at Wortley (in addition to amount collected) .....	6	1	4
The Rochdale Board of Guardians.....	5	5	0
Collected at the York Meeting.....	4	14	3
The Guardians of Selby Union.....	2	2	0
Proceeds of Jumble Sale at Beverley .....	2	0	0
Mr. W. K. Powell, Preston, 150 Fancy Boxes of Biscuits for Christmas.			
Messrs. Dicksons Limited, Royal Seed and Nursery Establishment, Chester, 3,550 Bulbs.			

The continued assistance received from the Honorary Officers of the Institution and from the members of the various County and Local Committees merits cordial acknowledgment, and renewed thanks must also be tendered to the newspaper press for sustained support and sympathetic advocacy. In connection with the meeting recently held at York, valuable aid was afforded by the *Yorkshire Herald*, which published an excellent illustrated article descriptive of the Institution and its work. The services of the Hon. Solicitors (Messrs. Maxsted, Gibsons and Sturton) have been taken advantage of to an unusual extent during the year in connection with important matters, and the Committee are very grateful to them for their valuable assistance, which has always been most willingly rendered. There have happily been but few changes in the membership of the various Committees, and these alterations have mainly consisted of new appointments. The York, Durham and Northumberland

Grateful  
Acknowledg-  
ments.

Committees have been strengthened, and special appeals have been made in the districts influenced by them—and also at Huddersfield—with encouraging results.

Central  
Committee.

During the year, death has deprived the members of the Central Committee of the assistance of some most useful and esteemed colleagues. Colonel Foster, whose death occurred very suddenly at Algeciras in March last, had for a period of 24 years taken a warm and very practical interest in the welfare of the Institution, and his genial and kindly presence will be much missed at future meetings. In addition to acting as Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee, he was the Chairman of the Yorkshire Committee. The Committee also record with deep regret the deaths of Mr. T. F. Fenwick (Kirkby Lonsdale), Mr. W. O. Roper (Yealand Conyers), Mr. W. B. Roper (Preston), Mr. Henry Davies (Lancaster) and Mr. John Thompson (the Hon. Secretary since 1885 of the Cheshire Committee), and the resignation of the Rev. Canon Clarke, of Rochdale. To supply the vacancies occasioned by these losses, the Yorkshire Committee have appointed as their Chairman Ald. C. F. Tetley (Chairman of the Leeds Committee), and the Central Committee welcome the appointment of new members in the Very Rev. the Dean of Durham, the Rev. Phipps J. Hornby and Mr. Frank Calvert (Preston), Mr. C. J. Clark (Lancaster), Mr. T. C. Edmondson (Liverpool), Mr. C. Duncombe Shafto and Mr. T. J. Tomlinson (Durham), and Dr. Wakefield (North Lonsdale).

Presidents.

The Institution has recently had to regret the loss of two of its Presidents through the deaths of the Duke of Devonshire and the Earl of Derby, Lord Derby having served also as one of the Trustees.

Improve-  
ments.

Many important improvements have to be recorded, which will undoubtedly tend to increase the efficiency of the Institution. Amongst them are numerous farm alterations and additions, including the introduction of the electric-light into the buildings, and the erection of a new dairy designed in accordance with modern ideas. The paving of the road to the rear of the Institution has been completed, and a new calorifier has been placed in the Winmarleigh Hall. It may also be mentioned that the whole of the Main Buildings have been painted externally, together with the interior of the Winmarleigh Hall.



The Committee are again able to refer with pleasure to the loyalty with which the members of the Staff continue to perform their various duties, which in many cases are of a peculiarly trying and arduous nature. Many of them have already earned the medal awarded for long and faithful service, and others will receive the distinction in connection with this year's Quinquennial Festival. Few important changes have to be recorded, the most noticeable being the resignation of the junior Assistant Medical Officer, Dr. Farries, who carries with him the congratulations of the Committee upon his appointment as Medical Superintendent of Sandwell Hall, Birmingham. He has been succeeded by Dr. D. W. Hunter.

Staff.

The Institution is visited annually by the Commissioners in Lunacy, who see all the patients and make a thorough inspection of every department. The following extracts are taken from the report of their visit on the 20th of February last, to which subscribers are referred :

Commissioners in Lunacy.

"As the result of our inspection, we can report that the Institution continues to be administered in a very efficient manner and to carry on very useful charitable work.

"We saw the whole of the patients in residence at our visit to-day, and found them happy and contented, in addition to being very well and judiciously cared for. The patients on both sides were clean and tidy in their dress; the wards are bright and attractive looking, the dormitories fresh and well ventilated, and the beds and bedding in good order.

"The new Reception House is now in full working order. All cases are in the first place received there on admission; after a sufficient period of observation they are then dispersed to the other parts of the establishment suitable for their permanent reception, whereupon the house is for the time closed and thoroughly disinfected.

"We saw an excellent dinner of meat-pie and potatoes served in the Hall, which was evidently appreciated by the patients, whose conduct was remarkably quiet and orderly.

"Our report shows that we have been much pleased by our inspection of the Institution, the administration of which reflects great credit on the Committee, Dr. Douglas, the Medical Superintendent, and all engaged in the work."

The following extracts, selected from a large number of entries of a similar character, will convey an idea of the impression made upon the minds of visitors by a personal inspection of the buildings and the work carried on therein :

Testimony of Visitors.

"I have to-day visited this Institution, and am much pleased with all I have seen.

"H. N. BURDEN,

"Royal Commission on Care and Control of Feeble-minded."

"An excellent work is being done here, but legislation required to make it more complete.

"R. H., Ewell."

"Much interested in all the work, both in the school and in the workshops, and I think the results wonderful and the methods capital.

"A. A. L., Birkenhead."

"I expected much and have not been disappointed. Am especially pleased with the shops and other means of motor training.

"H. H. G., Vineland, New Jersey."

#### Deputation from the GUARDIANS OF THE PARISH OF LIVERPOOL :

"Visited the patients chargeable to the Parish of Liverpool, and were much pleased with the care and attention bestowed upon them."

#### Deputation from the GUARDIANS OF THE PRESTON UNION :

"Visited the patients chargeable to the Union and found them bright and cheerful. We also visited the workrooms, and were much pleased with all we saw."

#### Deputation from the GUARDIANS OF THE BOLTON UNION :

"We saw the twelve patients chargeable to the Bolton Union. They appeared to be well cared for and to have every attention and necessary comfort. We were shown over the Institution and were satisfied with all we saw."

#### Deputation from the GUARDIANS OF THE SCULCOATES UNION :

"Have to-day visited the patients chargeable to our Union, and are delighted with their general appearance and demeanour. There is an evident improvement in the mental condition of several of the patients."

#### Deputation from the GUARDIANS OF THE PRESCOT UNION :

"Have to-day visited the Institution and seen the patients chargeable to the Union. We have pleasure in expressing satisfaction with all that we have seen, and we have been particularly interested in the provision made for the training of the unfortunate patients."



Deputation from the GUARDIANS OF THE LEEDS UNION :

“ A deputation of Guardians from the Leeds Union have this day visited the Royal Albert Asylum, and have seen the patients chargeable to them. The Guardians note with great satisfaction evident signs of improvement in some cases, and fully appreciate the great care and attention bestowed on the inmates.”

Deputation from the GUARDIANS OF THE HASLINGDEN UNION :

“ Representatives of the Haslingden Union have this day visited the Institution and interviewed the patient chargeable to that Union, and are much impressed by the marked improvement in her speech, bearing, and intelligence. So clearly defined a progress in the short space of eleven months is the highest testimony to the soundness of the motive principle of this Institution that could be desired.”

Deputation from the GUARDIANS OF THE OLDHAM UNION :

“ A deputation from the Oldham Union have this day visited the Royal Albert Asylum and inspected the patients chargeable to such Union. The patients appeared to receive proper attention, and we were much pleased with the order maintained; the general appearance of the patients gives us the impression that everything is done for their benefit. We tender our thanks to the Medical Superintendent for the courtesy shown to us.”

Letters are often received from the relatives or friends of inmates, or from others who are interested in the cause of the feeble-minded, bearing striking and sometimes touching testimony to the value of the work done at the Royal Albert Asylum, and from these a selection may here be quoted. Occasionally information arrives with respect to patients who are doing well after their discharge, as in the following instance :

Selected  
Letters.

*September 30th, 1907.*

DEAR SIR,

L. went to work on Wednesday morning for the first time at Mr. S.'s bleach-works, and she managed the work nicely. She gets nine shillings a week for a start. We both thank you for having done her so much good. Please to let the ladies she was mostly with know that she sends her love to all of them.

Next comes a pathetic little letter addressed to Dr. Douglas :

*May 16th, 1908.*

DEAR SIR,

It is three years since our dear little C. died, and as a little remembrance I enclose three shillings. You may either use it for flowers for his grave, or to give a little treat to some little child who may not have a mother to think of him. It is only a very small sum, Dr. Douglas, but I wish I could send ten times as much.

J. G.

Another touching letter, addressed to the Matron :

*December 16th, 1907.*

DEAR MISS SIVIOUR,

Mrs. B. desires me to say how very much we appreciate all that has been done for M. in your splendid Institution, as we are both satisfied that all that could be was done, not only to save the child's life but also to brighten her prospects, and it makes our loss all the harder to bear when we think of the success of your efforts.

We shall always look back with pleasure to the holiday we had at Heysham in September, when daily association with our loving child convinced us of the material improvement she was making.

Your work surely is of a Christ-like character, since He delighted to bless little children, and your Institution has doubtless been a blessing to scores of afflicted "little ones."

I hope to have opportunity to show my thanks in a practical way in the New Year, and shall with your permission visit some of the "little ones" when the days are longer, in memory of one of whom we strive to say

'Tis better to have loved and lost  
Than never to have loved at all.

W. B.

The following letter was received by the Secretary from a lady who visited the Asylum as a representative of the Birkenhead Education Department :

*September 24th, 1907.*

DEAR MR. KEIR,

I must just send you a line to say how much I appreciated all your kind arrangements for my visit yesterday. I was delighted with the work that is being done with so much skill and patience, and feel sure that if the patients, in a great many cases, could spend their lives in the Institution it would be better for them, and much better for the community at large. At the same time, the improvement made by others gives encouragement to the workers.

Again thanking you, and will you please convey my thanks to Dr. Coupland for giving me so much of his time.

A. A. L.



Appended is an extract from a letter written by a York doctor and read by Dr. Ramsay at the meeting held last October :

*October 17th, 1907.*

DEAR DR. RAMSAY,

I am much interested in the Institution, and am indeed grateful for the help given quite recently to a patient I recommended to be sent there, and who was admitted at a very low rate. This boy was found to be hopeless at school in York, and was during school hours sent out to play outside. He could neither read nor write, and was shaping to be a hopeless imbecile, but in the course of some months he has learnt at Lancaster to read, writes an excellent letter, and is learning a trade at which he promises to be fairly efficient.

It may possibly be that he will always be backward, but nevertheless there is a reasonable hope that instead of being a permanent burden to his parents and society, he will be able after a time to earn his own living.

I hope the meeting will result in increased subscriptions from York, as work of this kind is very costly, and as in the case referred to, the parents are frequently quite unable to defray all the cost of training.

B. P.

After an inspection of the Institution in October last, Dr. Shuttleworth, who was for twenty-three years the Medical Superintendent of the Royal Albert Asylum, wrote to the Secretary: "In the course of my visit I noticed everywhere evidence of continued efficiency and advancing progress in the arrangements of the Institution, and beg especially to congratulate the Committee on the very useful addition during the year of a Reception House for new patients, which forms so fitting a memorial to my late valued colleague, Mr. Diggins." Subsequently Dr. Shuttleworth wrote the following letter to the Chairman of the Central Committee :

Dr.  
Shuttleworth.

*1st January, 1908.*

DEAR SIR JOHN,

I am glad to take the opportunity of congratulating you and the Central Committee upon the success which seems to be attending the new administration, as to which you did me the honour of taking me into your confidence when the Institution was deprived of the services of our much-lamented and ever-to-be-remembered friend, Mr. Diggins. I had the opportunity in October of spending a long day at the Asylum, and by Dr. Douglas's courtesy was enabled to make a very thorough inspection of every department; and I can unreservedly say that I have never previously seen a condition of things so entirely satisfactory from my point of view. It may be interesting also to add that the

gentleman who accompanied me on that visit, Mr. Benstead, the recently-appointed Principal of the New Zealand Government Institution for Defectives, told me, before leaving for the Colony, that after having made the round of all the Institutions in this country he had learned more from the Royal Albert than any other, and was greatly impressed with the excellence of its arrangements for education and training.

Yours very sincerely,

G. E. SHUTTLEWORTH.

The Right Hon. Sir J. T. Hibbert, K.C.B.

#### Acknowledgments.

The Committee cannot conclude this Report without bearing testimony to the successful management of the Institution in all its important branches by its able Medical Superintendent, Dr. Douglas, who—aided and assisted by the Secretary, Mr. Keir, and a loyal and painstaking Staff—has made the year's work of the Asylum a matter of warm congratulation to all who have its welfare at heart.

#### Conclusion.

The long-anticipated Report of the Royal Commission on the Feeble-minded has at last been issued, and deals in great detail with every phase of the important question under investigation. Seven additional volumes contain the evidence upon which the final recommendations are based, and testify to the care and thoroughness with which the whole subject has been treated by the Commissioners. Their suggestions will everywhere receive the most careful consideration, and can hardly fail to arouse in the community at large a deeper sense of responsibility for the proper care of the many hapless ones who cannot care for themselves. It is earnestly to be hoped that measures may be devised for the permanent benefit of those whose mental limitations render them the most helpless of all sufferers, and that those measures may tend to strengthen the hands of such Institutions as the Royal Albert Asylum, which have been striving through long years of comparative neglect to awaken public interest in the welfare of the feeble-minded. Dr. Séguin, who was perhaps the most notable pioneer in this noble work, once



observed : “ To make the child feel that he is loved, and to make him eager in his turn to love, is the end of our teaching, as it has been the beginning. For our pupils, science, art, education, medicine, philosophy, each may do something, but love alone can truly socialise them ; those alone who love them are their true rescuers.” Here is work eminently suited for sympathetic voluntary effort, and work moreover which the Royal Albert Asylum has hitherto pursued with marked success, aided by the generosity of well-wishers throughout the whole of the Seven Associated Northern Counties of England. To the public of this wide area the Committee once more commend their cause, convinced that their appeal for a continuance of the liberal support which has heretofore been forthcoming will go straight to the hearts of all who sympathise with the helpless or desire to comfort and relieve the afflicted.

JOHN T. HIBBERT,  
CHAIRMAN.



# MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT'S GENERAL REPORT.

*To the Central Committee of the Royal Albert Asylum.*

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present the General Annual Report of the Medical Superintendent for the year ending June 30th, 1908.

Table of  
Admissions,  
Discharges,  
and Deaths.

The numerical alterations which have occurred among the patients during that time are shown in the appended table :

	Males.	Females.	Total.
In the Asylum, June 30th, 1907 ... ..	415	238	653
Admitted ... ..	68	32	100
Discharged... ..	38	33	71
Died ... ..	15	7	22
Aggregate number under treatment...	483	270	753
Average ... ..	415	232	647
Maximum number resident on any one day ... ..	430	230	660
In the Asylum, June 30th, 1908 ... ..	430	230	660

Admissions.

Analysis of the cases admitted shows a marked falling off both as regards mental grade and physical condition. A larger number have been of a type considerably inferior to those who have entered the Institution in former years, and a number of them have been more feeble and delicate. In fact, it has been found that many have only been fit for hospital treatment, under which they have since remained, and so have not been capable of receiving much benefit from school instruction or training. The cause of this decrease in the number of





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improvable cases for whom admission has been sought is doubtless owing to the increased development of, and facilities offered by, the special schools ; and imbeciles of the higher grade of intelligence who would otherwise have come to us are now generally to be found in these special classes.

As environment of the feeble-minded plays such an Environment. important part in their amelioration, it is difficult to imagine that benefit can accrue equally to the pupils of a special school who are only under observation for a limited period of time in the twenty-four hours and to the inmates of an Institution for the feeble-minded who are, both by night and day, under close and experienced supervision.

The Central Committee, whilst naturally regretting that fewer improvable cases than formerly have Necessitous Cases. been available for education and training in this uniquely-equipped Institution, have nevertheless, as in former years, consistently adhered to the charitable policy of their administration in making provision for the really deserving, irrespective of mental grade, should the circumstances of such cases be found to warrant their consideration.

Of the patients admitted, 57 were elected by votes of Classification. the subscribers, 22 were maintained in the Institution by their respective Unions, 17 were reduced-payment cases, and 4 full-payment cases.

There have been seventy-one patients discharged Discharges during the year ending June 30th, 1908, and the following table shows the degree of improvement obtained, together with the numbers in each division :

	Males. Females. Total.		
Much improved ... ..	10	10	20
Moderately improved ... ..	9	5	14
Slightly improved ... ..	6	5	11
Not improved ... ..	13	13	26

It will be noticed that a much smaller number have left the Institution without attaining the degree of improve- Improve ment. ment reached by those who have been discharged in previous years. This is accounted for by the fact that the retention period of an unusual number of low-grade cases happens to have expired during this time.

**After-care.** Although, as I have pointed out in previous reports, a few of our ex-patients have, under sympathetic supervision, succeeded in making their own living wholly or partially, yet the future of the majority after leaving our care is unsatisfactory. The ideal remedy, without doubt, in dealing with the feeble-minded is life-long care; by which, not only would their own well-being be safeguarded, but also that of the generations to come.

**Deaths.** I regret to have to record an increase in the number of deaths for the year. Fifteen boys and seven girls have died, representing a percentage of 3.40 on the average number resident, and of 2.92 on the aggregate number under care. The subjoined table shows the causes of death and the number under each heading :

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Tuberculosis ... ..	3	4	7
Phthisis Pulmonalis ... ..	1	0	1
Pneumonia... ..	6	1	7
Epilepsy ... ..	1	0	1
Meningitis ... ..	2	0	2
Cardiac disease... ..	1	1	2
Chronic Intestinal Toxæmia	0	1	1
Chronic Cellulitis ... ..	1	0	1
	<hr/> 15	<hr/> 7	<hr/> 22

**Influenza.** This increase in the mortality is explained by a visitation of influenza of an unusually severe type during the winter, when it was observed that pneumonia occurred in many instances, notwithstanding the fact that, in expectation of its advent, the greatest possible care was taken by both the Medical Officers and the Infirmary Staff to reduce to a minimum those factors which ordinarily favour its appearance. Of the large number attacked by this complication only six succumbed, and, as it is without doubt one of the most fatal diseases amongst the mentally feeble, I think that, in consideration of the comparatively few who died from its effects, much credit is due to my two medical colleagues, and to the nurses acting under their direction. No death has occurred under circumstances calling for special enquiry during the year.

**Infectious Disease.** Besides the epidemic of influenza to which I have alluded, the Institution has not been visited by any other forms of infectious disease prevailing in this district,



except a mild form of mumps, and this was introduced by a patient after spending a day outside the Asylum in the care of relatives. Although the cases have not been of a serious nature, the normal routine has been more or less dislocated by the measures of isolation unavoidable at these times.

General  
Health.

The general health of the patients has been good, although, as has been already reported, so many feeble and delicate children have been admitted during the year. Unquestionably, it is the improvement in the sanitary arrangements of the Asylum which has materially contributed to this gratifying result. The healthy site of the Institution, with its extensive and sheltered grounds, enabling the inmates to obtain fresh air and exercise in all but the severest weather, also contributes to the satisfactory maintenance of the general physical well-being. This object continues also to be sought by the judicious use of drill and selected exercises under medical supervision, and its results are all that can be desired. No serious accident has occurred during the preceding twelve months.

Dentistry.

The appointment of a Dental Surgeon, to examine periodically and attend to the teeth of the inmates, was a matter which for some time past had engaged the serious attention of the Committee, and last year a suggestion in favour of this appointment was made by the Commissioners in Lunacy. After careful consideration, it was decided that, owing to the peculiarities of our patients, few of the usual dental operations were either practicable or advisable, and these could be more advantageously undertaken by our own Medical Officers than by a Dental Surgeon. I worked out a form of "Dental Register," in which are entered the names of the patients examined, the morbid condition found, and the treatment adopted. This Dental Register is submitted at all meetings of the House Committee.

Epilepsy.

On the 30th of June, 1908, the number of epileptic patients on the books of the Institution was sixty, eight of these having developed the disease during the year. I am glad to point out that the former is a lower number than that of last year, owing doubtless to the fact of epilepsy as a disqualification for admission becoming more widely known.

Attacks.

The following table gives a record of the actual number of fits which have occurred since my last report :

SUMMARY OF EPILEPTIC FITS, YEAR ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1908.													
Class.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	Total
Senior Boys	74	245	61	90	77	88	139	88	72	92	84	71	1181
Junior Boys	5	5	4	11	4	4	0	12	8	2	6	0	61
Girls ... ..	104	66	39	24	47	32	30	52	78	67	62	58	659
Total ...	183	316	104	125	128	124	169	152	158	161	152	129	1901

Ashton Wing.

I am unable to conclude this paragraph without an expression of grateful appreciation of the splendid help again afforded during the past year by the Ashton Wing ; indeed, it becomes increasingly difficult to realise how we managed before its existence to treat the unfortunate class of patients now housed there so comfortably.

Rodgett  
Infirmmary.

In testifying once more to the great usefulness of the Rodgett Infirmmary, it is my duty to point out that in view of the increase in the number of the patients, and particularly in reference to those who enter the Institution in a defective condition of bodily health, it will be necessary in the near future to consider means for the extension of the existing hospital accommodation. A striking illustration of this need was afforded during the past winter, when both floors of the building were occupied by patients convalescing from influenza. At this time, the first cases of mumps appeared, and in order to utilise the upper floor for its normal purpose of isolation we were compelled to remove the convalescent patients to temporary sick-rooms in the Main Building. As a further complication, there was the usual increase in the amount of ordinary sickness requiring hospital treatment, due chiefly to the inclement weather commonly prevailing at that time of the year, and for a few weeks our resources were taxed to the utmost in finding suitable accommodation. I again offer my best thanks to the Nurse Matron, Miss Helen M. M. Rasey, for her successful management of this important department, assisted by her capable deputy, Miss Williams.



The James Diggens Memorial Reception House has been in occupation for several periods of fourteen days during the year, at which times the patients admitted to the Institution have undergone the usual quarantine. The House has amply fulfilled the purposes for which it was erected, and there has been no delay or postponement in the reception of candidates. The accommodation provided in it for members of the Infirmary Staff is much appreciated by them.

Reception  
House.

The Storey Home continues under the Matronship of Mrs. Smith to efficiently discharge its important functions in the general system of training in domestic work, for which it was intended by its benevolent Founder, and it is pleasant to record the genuine delight and satisfaction of the inmates at the visits of Lady Storey, whose kindness in providing periodically for their entertainment I take this opportunity of gratefully acknowledging.

Storey Home.

Brunton House affords accommodation for thirty youths of higher social position, in every way superior to that furnished by Homes conducted by private individuals, and its connection with a large Institution effectually militates against that worst of all environments for the mentally defective—isolation. I again earnestly ask the attention of physicians and practitioners of the Northern Counties to the manifest advantages of this branch. Miss Marie Campbell, its Matron, is to be congratulated upon the admirable way in which she has carried out her duties. The Senior Assistant Medical Officer resides in the House.

Brunton  
House.

Photography now takes an important place in the general equipment of Institutions of this kind, and at the time that the erection of a studio was in contemplation an anonymous friend most kindly sent through Alderman B. S. Brigg, of Keighley, a donation of £50 for this purpose. An estimate having been obtained, the Committee at once sanctioned the balance necessary, and we have now a very complete and useful little studio.

Photographic  
Studio.

The management of the Farm reflects the highest credit on Mr. Edward Cock, the Farm Bailiff, whose attention to his duties, and genuine interest in all that concerns the welfare of the stock and crops under his care, has ensured a very successful year. Produce has been supplied to the Asylum valued at £3,607, consisting of the

Farm.

following items: 42,697 lbs. of beef, 14,050 lbs. of mutton, 262 lbs. of lamb, 16,540 lbs. of pork, 904 lbs. of veal, 301 fowls, 39,629 gallons of milk, 17,104 eggs, 5,058 stones of potatoes, 438 stones of turnips, and 270 lbs. of pears.

#### Gardens.

The gardens at the Asylum and Brunton House have furnished produce to the value of £220. A large number of the boys are employed both in the gardens and on the farm.

#### Improvements.

Amongst the alterations and improvements carried out during the year are a new calorifier for the Winmarleigh Hall, painting of the outside of the Asylum buildings, and decoration of the interior of the Winmarleigh Hall. A new set of piggeries has been built at the Farm, and the old ones converted into loose boxes and potato stores. A spacious barn has been obtained by the conversion of an old provender-house and coach-house, and a new boundary wall has been built at Scotforth. The electric light has been installed throughout the Farm buildings, which will be safer and much healthier than gas, and a new and more commodious Dairy is in course of erection on a suitable and convenient site. I beg once more to acknowledge the important services rendered by Mr. Isaac H. Storey to the Institution by his experienced supervision and advice in matters of this kind, and our Clerk of Works, Mr. F. W. Leach, is deserving of praise for the generally efficient state of his department.

#### Schools.

I am glad to report that the Schools, under Mr. Vere and Mrs. Pugh, have on the whole done a satisfactory amount of work for the period covered by this report, but these results very clearly reflect the influence of the preponderating number of lower grade cases which have passed through the classes during the year. As the Committee have proposed to re-organise the Schools on a system based upon their more intimate knowledge of the work, which will also be more economical, a brief retrospect of some forty years spent in the care and treatment of the feeble-minded will perhaps be of interest. When the Royal Albert and kindred Institutions were founded, their object was to fit the imbecile as far as possible for the duties and enjoyments of life. As the experience of those engaged in the work matured, they discovered that the object which they set themselves to attain was, with comparatively few excep-



tions, an impossible one to accomplish. They found that the temperaments and idiosyncrasies inseparable from a defective mental organisation too often nullified their labours, and operating through the abnormal channels of impulse, lack of control or apathy, precluded the individual from recognition as an effective or responsible unit in the community. This being the case, and although admitting that a very few are sufficiently responsive to training as to fulfil under sympathetic oversight a small part in the world, it naturally follows that the object to be gained is the provision of life-long care, and it is to be hoped that the legislature will at no distant date make it incumbent upon local authorities to provide custodial establishments for this purpose.

It is in reference to some scheme of this nature that education and training on proper lines may be hoped to yield satisfactory results. Mere school instruction *per se* is productive of little, but the environment which secures the maintenance of physical health does much to enable the feeble-minded to assimilate what they are taught, and the firm but gentle discipline of the Institution is a powerful factor in helping them to turn the knowledge they have assimilated to practical use. Reading, writing, and elementary arithmetic should be the only subjects on which attention should be concentrated, and this instruction should be begun as early as possible. For the achievement of tangible results in this direction, it is imperatively necessary that the classes should not be too large, and that the members of them should be of about the same degree of intelligence. Large classes of feeble-minded pupils are impossible to handle profitably, and those containing children of varying degrees of mental power are hampered for the reason that the extra attention needed by the more backward ones is that which ought to have been given to the others; from this cause progress cannot be expected. We have not found that highly trained and certificated teachers are necessary; what is really required is knowledge of the children, tact and patience. It is a sheer waste of time that is spent on the cultivation of one faculty only, and it is a matter of common knowledge that this abnormal development in the feeble-minded is constantly associated with other defective intellectual and moral senses. The performer of difficult classical music by ear, who is deficient in other respects mentally and morally, is no longer hailed as a

Scholastic and  
Industrial  
Training

prodigy, nor is the artist of impossible castles, who at the same time possesses the imbecile temperament, regarded as a Christopher Wren. Sometimes we find that certain patients can never make appreciable progress in school, and time spent there in the listless contemplation of a blackboard is lost; they should be tried in the workshops, where many may eventually do fairly well. Industrial training may with advantage go hand in hand with scholastic instruction, but in no case should an inmate continue in school, however young, who is able to read and write; his place is on the industrial list, learning a trade. The elements of several of the industrial occupations could well be taught in school, leaving the corresponding workshops available for the more advanced pupils. Nothing is better suited for the lower-grade patients than simple out-door work in the gardens and grounds.

Custodial  
Care.

By following out a system on lines similar to the above, it is hoped that, when the time arrives for the provision of custodial Institutions, the future of our trained inmates may be more assured by the appropriation of their services as assistants in such work connected with the new establishments as they are competent to fulfil. We should then no longer hear that discharged patients had been compelled through keenness of competition to forsake the trade that had been taught them, and to turn to commoner forms of labour for subsistence. Also, a saving would be effected in the amount expended in the salaries of teachers, without in any way detracting from the efficiency of this department.

Schools and  
Workshops.

The Herbert Storey Industrial Schools and Workshops are again well to the fore in the work done by them during the year, and the *personnel* of the instructors remains the same, with manifest advantage to their pupils.

Administra-  
tion.

The administration of the Institution has, I am glad to say, been carried on smoothly and agreeably, and I must once more offer my cordial thanks to Mr. Edward Storey, Senior Vice-Chairman of the House Committee, for much kind help and counsel. Practically, with the exception of the Schools, every department has been re-organised during the last two years. The hours of duty of the male staff have been radically altered, thus gaining increased vigilance and more effective work. Attendants in charge of patients during the day by this new arrangement commence earlier



in the morning, and are enabled to come off duty at an earlier hour in the evening. This has proved to be a popular innovation among the men, and the patients are under closer supervision during the early hours, when we have found from experience accidents are most likely to happen. I have also drawn up amended rules respecting the details of the men's duties, which have ensured greater regularity and thoroughness in their performance. The working hours of the farm hands have, too, been revised and extended, with advantageous results.

A new departure has been made for providing constant attendance at the telephone exchange, thus obviating the delays in answering calls, which at times occurred under the former system. Telephone.

With the sanction of the Committee, I have arranged for the male attendants to sleep in rooms apart from the patients, and this favour has been greatly appreciated; as has the formation of the Asylum Cricket Club, which has acquitted itself with much credit during the past season. The Staff Library continues to discharge its useful purpose with much acceptance. I venture to say that more books are needed, and to mention with regret the death of Mrs. Blades, by which it has lost a generous friend, whose kind support will be greatly missed. Finally, I have to record with satisfaction the appointment of my junior colleague, Dr. J. Stothart Farries, as Medical Superintendent of the Sandwell Hall Institution for the Feeble-Minded, near Birmingham. He left the service with the cordial good wishes both of the Central Committee and the staff. He was succeeded by Dr. Douglas W. Hunter, who has already amply justified his selection for the position. There has been no other change among the superior officers. Staff.

I deeply regret to place on record the great loss the Institution has sustained by the death of the esteemed Junior Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee, Col. Wm. H. Foster, of Hornby Castle, whose wise counsels and genial presence will be much missed. The late  
Col. Foster.

To the Senior Assistant Medical Officer, Dr. Coupland, I beg leave to offer my hearty acknowledgment of his excellent services; and for the courteous co-operation of our Secretary, Mr. Keir, and our Accountant, Mr. Shaw, I tender my best thanks. I also take this opportunity of Acknowledgments.

testifying to the general efficiency of the Steward's department, under Mr. A. Macdonald. The manner in which the capable Matron of the Asylum, Miss Alice Siviour, has discharged her onerous duties has been admirable, and she has been ably supported by the Assistant Matron, Miss Bowyer.

Conclusion.

In conclusion, I respectfully express my deep sense of gratitude to the Chairman, the Right Hon. Sir John T. Hibbert, K.C.B., to the Vice-Chairman, Sir Edward Lawrence, and to the members of the Central Committee for the continued kindness, support and consideration which they have at all times accorded to me. I am particularly indebted to Sir John Hibbert for much help and wise advice in the administration of the Institution, with which he has been so prominently connected for over forty years, and in the welfare of which, even throughout his recent regrettable illness, he has shown such affectionate and practical regard.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

ARCHIBALD R. DOUGLAS,

Medical Superintendent.





THE STOREY HOME.







THE FARM HOUSE.



THE FARM BUILDINGS AND THE INSTITUTION



## AUDITOR'S REPORT.

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LANCASTER, 10TH SEPTEMBER, 1908.

In accordance with the appointment of the last Annual Meeting I have the honour to report that I have carefully examined the Books of Account of the Royal Albert Asylum for the year ended 30th June, 1908. Proper vouchers for all payments have been produced to me, and I have pleasure in certifying to the correctness of the accompanying Balance Sheets. The Books continue to be kept with neatness and accuracy, and all my requirements as Auditor have been complied with.

In Maintenance Account, it is satisfactory to note an increase of £86 in Annual Subscriptions and of £103 in Payments for Patients. The Farm Account, owing to a period of exceptional expenditure, does not exhibit the usual profit. In general expenditure, a larger outlay has been necessary on most of the principal items, but reductions effected in some directions bear evidence to careful management so far as has been consistent with the maintenance of the useful work of the Institution. The average number of patients has been 10 higher. The expenses attending the working of the James Diggens Reception House, opened in June last year, are for the first time included in the annual statements.

The Estate and Buildings Improvement Account has received a donation of £50, and by transfer from Maintenance Account £1,000. Further expenditure on ventilation, farm improvements, etc., amounting to £1,285, has been made, and a sum of £1,873 has been transferred to Reception House Account, closing that account.

The Sustentation Fund Account has benefitted by the receipt of legacies amounting to £3,901, donation £1,000, and a life interest payment of £216. These sums, together with the amount of £1,500 Victoria Government 4% Inscribed Stock paid off in April, 1908, have been invested in authorised trustee securities.

In company with the Honorary Auditor, the Rev. W. L. Appleford, I have examined the Deeds of the property held by the Trustees of the Institution, and evidence that the securities representing the Sustentation Fund Investments are duly registered in the names of the present Trustees has been produced to us.

A. B. S. WELCH,  
AUDITOR.

## MAINTENANCE

Dr.

From July 1st, 1907,

Receipts.										£ s. d.			£ s. d.		
To Balance at Bank, July 1st, 1907	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	883	13	9	1,058	4	3
„ Donations	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	70	11	3			
„ Legacies under Fifty Guineas	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,190	19	4			
„ Annual Subscriptions	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13,416	4	8			
„ Payments for Patients	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...						
„ Interest on Sustentation Fund Investments	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6,336	12	8			
(Including £12 10s. 4d., "Income from Joseph Nutter's Gift.")															
Less Sinking Fund	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	50	0	0			
										6,286 12 8					
„ Bank Interest	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	139	11	2			
„ Rent	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	236	8	6			
„ Sundries	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	136	1	4			
										25,360 2 8					
„ Farm Produce	{	Supplied to the Asylum...	£3,607	0	1										
	{	Sold	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	370	9	11			
										3,977 10 0					
Less General Farm Expenses and cost of Stock, Provender, &c.										3,970	4	0			
										7 6 0					

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£26,425 12 11

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*Examined and compared with the Books of Account and Vouchers, and certified to be correct.—10th September, 1908.*

A. B. S. WELCH, Lancaster, Auditor.

W. L. APPLEFORD, Lancaster, Honorary Auditor.



## A C C O U N T ,

to June 30th, 1908.

Cr.

Expenditure.											
										£	s. d.
By Expenses of General Annual Meeting at York,											
Meeting at Durham, and of Local Committees ...										235	3 6
,, Expenses of Election at Durham ... ..										42	0 2
,, Printing 5,000 Forty-third Annual Report, Reports of											
Meetings, Appeals, Pamphlets, Books of Account,										231	16 10
and General Printing and Stationery ... ..											
,, General Advertising ... ..										37	5 1
,, Postage of Letters, Annual Reports, Subscription Lists,											
Voting Papers, Appeals, Pamphlets, &c. ... ..										103	7 2
,, Offices (Lancaster, Manchester and Liverpool); Rent,											
Rates, Telegrams, Carriage, and Petty Cash Sundries										104	17 11
,, Salaries, Wages, and Travelling { Offices £1,052 3s. 9d. }										9,136	9 4
Expenses { Asylum £8,084 5s. 7d. }											
,, Provisions { Purchased £2,991 9s. 8d. }										6,818	11 4
{ From Farm £3,607 0s. 1d. }											
{ From Garden £220 1s. 7d. }											
,, Necessaries: Coals ... ..										2,158	6 6
Gas ... ..										170	9 6
Water ... ..										405	1 8
General ... ..										343	11 3
,, Clothing ... ..										1,318	4 6
,, Drugs, Surgery Requisites, &c. ... ..										195	3 5
,, Asylum Printing and Stationery ... ..										51	6 3
,, Asylum Postage ... ..										26	13 0
,, Insurance ... ..										150	19 0
,, Maintenance Sundries ... ..										700	3 4
,, Workshops and Repairs ... ..										887	0 3
Building Sundries ... ..										183	12 5
,, Furniture: General ... ..										301	2 3
Ironmongery ... ..										58	10 0
Bedding ... ..										344	1 0
House Linen ... ..										59	7 7
Crockery and Sundries ... ..										65	8 7
										23,374	1 2
,, Property Expenses ... ..											68 19 10
,, Bank Commission, &c. ... ..											23 2 11
,, Grounds and Garden Expenses ... .. £481 14 1											
Less value of Produce supplied to the											
Asylum ... .. 220 1 7											
											261 12 6
,, Estate and Buildings Improvement Account ... ..										1,000	0 0
,, Balance at Bank, June 30th, 1908 ... ..										943	5 10

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£26,425 12 11

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## ESTATE AND BUILDINGS

Dr.

From July 1st, 1907,

## Receipts.

	£	s.	d.
To Balance at Bank, July 1st, 1907 ... ..	4,453	17	7
„ Donation ... ..	50	0	0
„ Bank Interest ... ..	73	2	6
„ Maintenance Account ... ..	1,000	0	0

Audited and found correct.—10th September, 1908.

A. B. S. WELCH, Lancaster, Auditor.

W. L. APPLEFORD, Lancaster, Honorary Auditor.

£5,577 0 1

## THE JAMES DIGGENS MEMORIAL

Dr.

From July 1st, 1907,

## Receipts.

	£	s.	d.
To Donations... ..	135	7	0
„ Estate and Buildings Improvement Account ... ..	1,873	5	9

Audited and found correct.—10th September, 1908.

A. B. S. WELCH, Lancaster, Auditor.

W. L. APPLEFORD, Lancaster, Honorary Auditor.

£2,008 12 9

## SUSTENTATION FUND

Dr.

From July 1st, 1907,

## Receipts.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance at Bank, July 1st, 1907 ... ..				331	4	7
„ Legacies ... ..	3 901	8	2			
„ Donation ... ..	1,000	0	0			
„ Life Interest Payment ... ..	216	13	4			
				5,118	1	6
„ £1,500 Victorian Government 4 per cent. Inscribed Stock, paid off at par ... ..	1,500	0	0			
Balance of cost per Sinking Fund ... ..	103	8	0			
				1,603	8	0

Audited and found correct.—10th September, 1908.

A. B. S. WELCH, Lancaster, Auditor.

W. L. APPLEFORD, Lancaster, Honorary Auditor.

£7,052 14 1

## SINKING FUND

Dr.

From July 1st, 1907,

## Receipts.

	£	s.	d.
To Balance at Bank, July 1st, 1907 ... ..	101	5	11
„ Proportion of Interest on Redeemable Colonial Government Stocks ... ..	50	0	0
„ Bank Interest ... ..	2	3	3

Audited and found correct.—10th September, 1908.

A. B. S. WELCH, Lancaster, Auditor.

W. L. APPLEFORD, Lancaster, Honorary Auditor.

£153 9 2



## IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT,

to June 30th, 1908.

Cr.

## Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.
By Paving Back Road ... ..	404	12	9
„ Ventilation ... ..	169	14	0
„ New Piggeries ... ..	260	0	0
„ Alteration of Old Piggeries ... ..	78	0	0
„ New Shippon at Scotforth Farm .. ..	213	9	10
„ Boundary Walls and other Improvements at Scotforth Farm ...	69	0	5
„ Photographic Studio ... ..	90	9	6
„ Bank Interest and Commission ... ..	5	11	8
„ Balance of James Diggens Memorial Reception House ... ..	1,873	5	9
„ Balance at Bank, June 30th, 1908 ... ..	2,412	16	2

£5,577 0 1

## RECEPTION HOUSE ACCOUNT,

to June 30th, 1908.

Cr.

## Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.
By Balance due to Bank, July 1st, 1907... ..	1,108	2	6
„ Builder (Robert Thompson) ... ..	576	16	11
„ Architects' Commission, etc. ... ..	67	12	6
„ Electric Cables, etc. ... ..	26	18	4
„ Furniture... ..	183	19	4
„ Bank Interest and Commission ... ..	45	3	2

£2,008 12 9

## ANNUAL ACCOUNT,

to June 30th, 1908.

Cr.

## Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Investments :						
£1,186 17s. 3d. Consols ; Interest at $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. ...	1,000	0	0			
£3,002 15s. 11d. Consols ; Interest at $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. ...	2,500	0	0			
£1,300 Local Loans ; Interest at 3 per cent. ... ..	1,251	6	0			
£2,000 London and North Western Railway Pre- ference Stock (1902) ; Interest at 4 per cent. ...	2,136	13	4			
				6,887	19	4
„ Balance at Bank, June 30th, 1908 ... ..				164	14	9

£7,052 14 1

## ACCOUNT,

to June 30th, 1908.

Cr.

## Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.
By Sustentation Fund : Balance of £1603 8s. 0d., cost of £1,500 Victorian Government 4 per cent. Inscribed Stock, paid off at par ... ..	103	8	0
„ Balance at Bank, June 30th, 1908 ... ..	50	1	2

£153 9 2

# COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE ON MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT,

RECEIPTS.		1906—07.		1907—08.		Increase.		Decrease.		EXPENDITURE.		Average No. of Patients 637.		Average No. of Patients 647.		Increase.		Decrease.							
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.			£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.						
Donations .....		255	7 1	833	13 9	628	6 8	Expenses of General Annual Meeting, of Public Meetings, and of Local Committees, &c. ....																	
Legacies under Fifty Guineas ..		45	0 0	70	11 3	25	11 3	Election Expenses .....																	
Annual Subscriptions .....		4104	0 1	4190	19 4	86	19 3	Printing Annual Reports, Reports of Meetings, Election Returns, Appeals, Pamphlets, Books of Account, & General Printing & Stationery .....																	
Payments for Patients .....		13313	1 11	13416	4 8	103	2 9	General Advertising .....												28	3 10				
Interest on Sustentation Fund								General Postage .....																	
Investments .....		6035	7 4	6286	12 8	251	5 4	Offices (Lancaster, Manchester, and Liverpool); Rent, Rates, and Petty Cash Sundries .....																	
Interest on Bank Deposits .....		69	17 10	139	11 2	69	13 4	Salaries, Wages, and Travelling Expenses .....																	
Rent .....		237	1 0	236	8 6			Provisions .....												337	9 1				
Sundries .....		1350	18 1	136	1 4			NECESSARIES:—Coals .....												447	8 6				
Farm (Value of Produce, less General Farm Expenses and cost of Stock, Provender, &c.)		639	8 11	7	6 0			Gas .....												417	7 3				
								Water .....												14	9 11				
								General .....												27	5 10				
								Clothing .....												49	1 4				
								Drugs, Surgery Requisites, &c. ..																	
								Insurance .....												37	15 9				
								Sundries .....												42	15 6				
								Workshops, Repairs, &c. ....												100	17 8				
								Building Sundries .....												120	13 3				
								FURNITURE:—General .....												35	14 6				
								Ironmongery ....																	
								Bedding .....												77	6 6				
								House Linen ....												20	11 0				
								Crockery & Sundries																	
								Property Expenses .....												8	0 8				
								Bank Interest, Commission, &c. ..																	
								Grounds and Garden Expenses. less value of Produce .....												88	6 4				
								Estate and Buildings Improvement Account .....																	
								NET DECREASE ... £539 7s. 9d.																	
								Balance at end of year .....																	
								NET DECREASE £682 13s. 7d.																	
								Balance at beginning of year...																	

*Examined and certified to be correct.*—10th September, 1908.  
A. B. S. WELCH, Lancaster, Auditor.



## SUMMARY OF TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS

(Including Donations to the General, Maintenance and Sustentation Funds ; and current Annual Subscriptions),

FROM DISTRICTS WHERE COMMITTEES HAVE BEEN FORMED AND PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD.										Donations.			Annual Sub- scriptions.		
										£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
LANCASTER (1)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	37170	13	4	262	17	0
LIVERPOOL (2)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12047	11	9	331	16	6
MANCHESTER (3)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11533	0	3	437	13	6
BRADFORD (4)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10553	9	8	256	19	9
PRESTON (5)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9309	2	8	29	18	6
ROCHDALE (6)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8385	1	4	145	12	0
WESTMORLAND (7)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6646	6	10	180	17	9
HALIFAX (8)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6230	15	6	366	14	8
CUMBERLAND (CARLISLE, &C.) (9)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5753	4	8	268	11	6
LEEDS (10)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5742	8	11	154	18	6
CHESHIRE (11)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5666	1	2	425	9	3
SHEFFIELD (12)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3562	12	1	80	19	6
OLDHAM (13)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3313	17	6	43	14	0
YORK (14)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2911	13	4	81	7	6
DURHAM (COUNTY)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2797	16	8	384	0	1
NORTH LONSDALE (ULVERSTON, BARROW, &C.)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2649	2	8	18	6	6
BURY (15)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2145	19	6	55	1	0
BOLTON (16)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2056	16	4	110	5	6
BLACKBURN (17)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1843	15	0	7	17	6
HUDDERSFIELD	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1680	6	8	149	6	0
NORTHUMBERLAND	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1549	19	0	146	14	0
SETTLE...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1477	12	11	10	0	0
SKIPTON	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1289	0	5	2	2	0
BURNLEY	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1163	15	7	37	2	6
SOUTHPORT...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1149	5	0	34	10	6
WAKEFIELD (18)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	993	14	7	3	3	0
KEIGHLEY	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	925	6	0	5	5	0
WARRINGTON	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	765	2	6	5	5	0
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	673	7	6	9	9	0
WIGAN	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	532	17	6	34	14	6
ROTHERHAM	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	387	8	6	2	2	0
SCARBOROUGH	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	366	14	10	4	14	6
ST. HELENS	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	295	12	6	3	3	0
HULL	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	278	6	8	8	18	6
DONCASTER...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	184	4	9	18	7	6

June 30th, 1908.

SAMUEL KEIR, SECRETARY.

- (1) The Lancaster Donations include £15,000 from the Right Hon. Lord Ashton; £2050 from the late Mr. James Brunton, and £500 from the late Miss Brunton; £1000 from the Lancaster Banking Company; £1800 from Messrs. Storey Bros. and Co., who also contribute a Special Annual Subscription of £52 10s.; £1050 from H. L. Storey, Esq.; £525 from Mrs. E. Howard Dawson (now Mrs. Hayes); and £500 from Edward Storey, Esq. In addition to the Storey donations, the late Sir Thomas Storey presented to the Institution the Storey Home for Feeble-minded Girls, and Mr. H. L. Storey contributed £5,250 for the erection of the Herbert Storey Industrial Schools and Workshops.

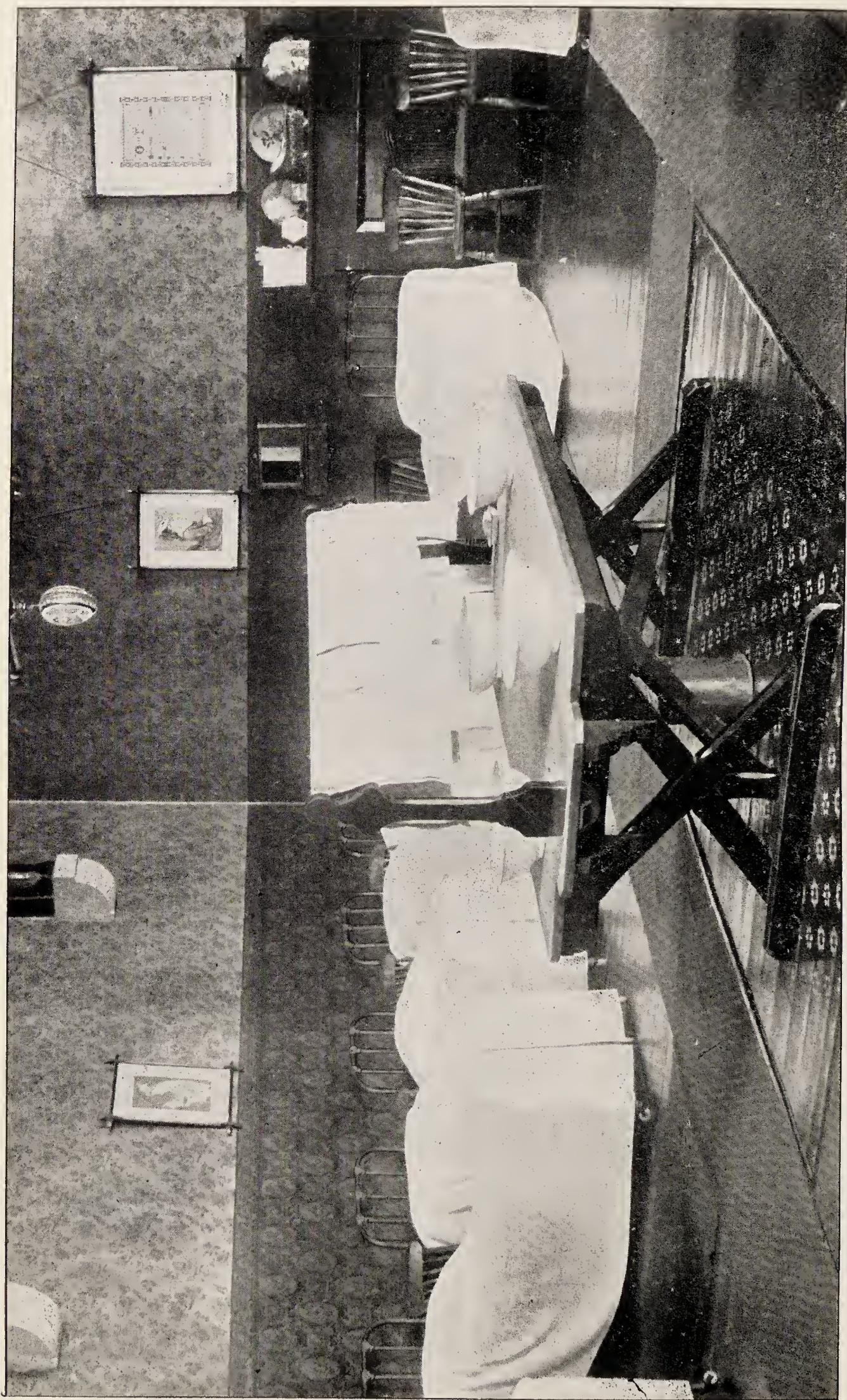
- (2) The Liverpool Donations include £1500 from the late Mrs. Chas. Turner, who also bequeathed a legacy of £2000.
- (3) The Manchester Donations include £1105 from the late John Fernley, Esq.; £1000 from the late Robert Barnes, Esq.; and £1000 from the late William Atkinson, Esq.
- (4) The Bradford Donations include £5105 from the late Sir Titus Salt, Bart.; and £650 from Joseph Craven, Esq.
- (5) The Preston Donations include £5000 from the late E. Rodgett, Esq.; £677 10s. from the late Richard Newsham, Esq., who also bequeathed a legacy of £1000; and £542 from the late G. Buckston Browne, Esq.
- (6) The Rochdale Donations include £1000 from the Executors of the late James Holden, Esq.; £625 from the late Richard Hurst, Esq.; £525 from the late Henry Kelsall, Esq.; £525 from the late Henry Kelsall, junr., Esq.; £500 from the late John Fiellen, Esq., Todmorden; £500 from the late Joshua Fielden, Esq., Todmorden; and £500 from the late Samuel Fielden, Esq., Todmorden, who also bequeathed a legacy of £2000.
- (7) The Westmorland Donations include £1000 from the late Mrs. Bindloss, who also bequeathed a legacy of £900; £675 from the late W. H. Wakefield, Esq.; £400 from the late John Wakefield, Esq.; £500 from the Executors of the late F. A. Argles, Esq.; and £560 10s. from the late Wm. Tattersall, Esq.
- (8) The Halifax Donations include £630 from the late Joshua Appleyard, Esq.; £768 5s. from the late Hanson Ormerod, Esq.; and £630 from the late G. Buckston Browne, Esq.
- (9) The Cumberland Donations include £525 from the late Thomas Ainsworth, Esq., Cleator; and £500 from the Right Hon. Lord Muncaster.
- (10) The Leeds Donations include £1105 from Messrs. Joshua Tetley and Son; £700 from the late Sir Andrew Fairbairn, Knt.; £525 from the late Arthur Lupton, Esq., and the late Mrs. Arthur Lupton; and £500 from the late Miss Dawson, of Bramhope Manor, Otley.
- (11) The Cheshire Donations include £500 from the late Duke of Westminster, K G.; and £500 from the late Right Hon. Lord Egerton of Tatton.
- (12) The Sheffield Donations include £525 from Sir F. T. Mappin, Bart., M.P.; and an Annual Subscription of £50 from the Sheffield Town Trustees.
- (13) The Oldham Donations include £631 5s. from the late Asa Lees, Esq., who also bequeathed a legacy of £10,000; £500 from the late Eli Lees, Esq.; and £500 from the late Charles Edward Lees, Esq.
- (14) The York Donations include £1000 from "A Friend," per the late Wm. Gray, Esq.
- (15) The Bury Donations include £1,050 from the late Miss Openshaw for the "John Openshaw of Irwell Bed," in memory of her father, the late John Openshaw, Esq., and £50 in memory of her friend, the late Dr. de Vitre.
- (16) The Bolton Donations include £500, "In Memory of the late Wm. Hampson, Esq."
- (17) The Blackburn Donations include £775 from the late Wm. Tattersall, Esq.
- (18) The Wakefield Donations include £520 from the late Daniel Gaskell, Esq.





STAGE IN THE WINMARLEIGH HALL,





CORNER OF A DORMITORY.



# THE JAMES DIGGENS MEMORIAL RECEPTION HOUSE.

## LIST OF DONATIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Tate, Sir William Henry, Bart. (High Sheriff of Lancashire), Woolton, Liverpool .....	105	0	0
Ecroyd, W. Farrer, Credenhill Court, Hereford .....	100	0	0
"Anonymous, H.A.S.," Manchester.....	50	0	0
Storey, Herbert L., Bailrigg, Lancaster .....	50	0	0
Foster, Colonel (the late), Hornby Castle, Lancaster .....	50	0	0
King, Miss, Oxton, Birkenhead .....	50	0	0
Paget-Tomlinson, Dr. W. S., The Biggins, Kirkby Lonsdale .....	50	0	0
Broadhurst, E. Tootal, Manchester.....	26	5	0
Brooke, John A., Fenay Hall, Huddersfield .....	25	0	0
Brown, James, Pittsmoor, Sydney, New South Wales .....	25	0	0
Peel, Gerald, Parkfield, Swinton, Manchester .....	25	0	0
Pilkington, Sir George A., Belle Vue, Southport... ..	25	0	0
Wilson-Patten, The Hon. Elizabeth, 4, Cadogan Place, London, S.W.	25	0	0
Wilson-Patten, The Hon. Ellinor, 4, Cadogan Place, London, S.W. ...	25	0	0
Brooke, Wm., Northgate Mount, Honley, Huddersfield .....	21	0	0
Groves, W. G., Holehird, Windermere .....	21	0	0
Wainhouse, Miss (the late), Horton Lodge, Rugby.....	21	0	0
Platt, John, Hyning, Carnforth.....	20	0	0
Timmis, T. Sutton, Cleveley, Allerton, Liverpool .....	20	0	0
Barnston, Mrs. Francis, Chorlton Lodge, Malpas .....	10	10	0
Craven, Joseph, Ashfield, Thornton, Bradford .....	10	10	0
Dugdale, J. Tertius, Ivy Bank, Burnley .....	10	10	0
Foster, Major F. C., Prospect House, Queensbury .....	10	10	0
Galloway, W. W., The Willows, Preston.....	10	10	0
Hays, Miss, 8, South Bailey, Durham .....	10	10	0
Hignett, Miss B. W., Bankfield, West Derby, Liverpool .....	10	10	0
Leak, Mrs. H. C., The Glen, Heworth, York .....	10	10	0
Mappin, Sir Fredk. T., Thornbury, Sheffield .....	10	10	0
Welch, W. G., Hampson, Lancaster.....	10	10	0
Ackers, Whitley and Co., Limited, Leigh, Lancashire .....	10	0	0
"Anonymous," Chester.....	10	0	0
Brocklebank, Sir Thomas (the late), Springwood, Woolton, Liverpool..	10	0	0
Harrison, Henry, Stanley, Blackburn.....	10	0	0
Hibbert, Right Hon. Sir John T., K.C.B., Hampsfield, Grange-over- Sands .....	10	0	0
Archibald, Miss C., Leamington Spa .....	5	5	0
Armitage, Miss Edith C., Peel Hall, Little Hulton, Bolton .....	5	5	0
Armitage, Miss Louie M., Peel Hall, Little Hulton, Bolton .....	5	5	0
Ashton, Mrs., 37, Prince's Gardens, London, S.W.....	5	5	0
Bradshaw, John, Waldon House, Cheltenham .....	5	5	0
Brown, Dr. R. C., Winckley Square, Preston .....	5	5	0
Clay, Mrs. W., 14, Windsor Terrace, Newcastle-upon-Tyne .....	5	5	0
Clough, Thomas, Steeton, Keighley .....	5	5	0
Crewdson, Theodore, Norcliffe Hall, Styal, Cheshire.....	5	5	0
Crossley, D. J. (the late), Falling Royd, Hebden Bridge.....	5	5	0
Davies, Henry (the late), Carus Lodge, Lancaster .....	5	5	0
De Vitre, Henry Denis, Charlton House, Wantage, Berks. ....	5	5	0
Dugdale, Arthur, Ivy Bank, Burnley .....	5	5	0
Foster, Colonel Herbert A., Littlemoor, Queensbury.....	5	5	0

	£	s.	d.
Foster, Robert J., Stockeld Park, Wetherby .....	5	5	0
Hesketh, Colonel, Linwood, Astley Bridge, Bolton .....	5	5	0
Heywood, Edward S., Light Oaks, Manchester ... ..	5	5	0
Hignett, Mrs., Bankfield, West Derby, Liverpool .....	5	5	0
Kidd, Mrs., St. Olave's Road, York .....	5	5	0
MacGillycuddy, Mrs., Bache Hall, Chester .....	5	5	0
Maclure, Lady, East Sheen, Surrey .....	5	5	0
Roper, W. O., Yealand Conyers, Carnforth.....	5	5	0
Satterthwaite, Colonel J. H., United Service Club, London, S.W.....	5	5	0
Satterthwaite, Samuel, Croftlands, Lancaster .....	5	5	0
Storey, Frank, Caton Green, Lancaster.....	5	5	0
Storey, Isaac H., Loughrigg Brow, Ambleside .....	5	5	0
Tetley, C. F., Spring Bank, Headingley, Leeds .....	5	5	0
Torbock, Joseph, Crackenthorpe Hall, Appleby .....	5	5	0
Whitley, John, West House, Halifax.....	5	5	0
Barbour, George, Bolesworth Castle, Tattenhall, Chester.....	5	0	0
Barrow, Thomas, Baldrand, Lancaster ... ..	5	0	0
Cliff, Miss Ellen M., The Red House, Hawarden, Chester .....	5	0	0
Clark, Miss M. F., Queen Street, Lancaster .....	5	0	0
Finch, Rev. T. R., Penwortham Hall, Preston .....	5	0	0
Hesketh, Miss, Atherton, Manchester .....	5	0	0
Killey, George D., Bentuther, Waterloo, Liverpool .....	5	0	0
Kolp, N., Victoria Park, Manchester ... ..	5	0	0
Lawrence, Sir Edward, St. Michael's Hamlet, Liverpool.....	5	0	0
Musgrave, Walter M., Ashleigh, Bolton .....	5	0	0
Perkins, Mrs. Hugh, 17, Fulwood Park, Liverpool .....	5	0	0
Simpson, Alfred, Dunham Woods, Altrincham .....	5	0	0
Willans, J. E., Bremen House, Huddersfield .....	5	0	0
Birks, Mrs. E. Vaughan, Carsack Grange, near Sheffield ... ..	3	3	0
Farmer-Atkinson, H. J., Woodcote, Epsom .....	3	3	0
Hulton, Sir William, Bart. (the late), Hulton Park, Bolton .....	3	3	0
Lees, J. D., Pownall Hall, Wilmslow, Cheshire .....	3	3	0
Garratt, Miss B., Frodsham, Warrington .....	3	0	0
Lees, William, Linden Lea, Brooklands, Manchester.....	3	0	0
Robinson, The Misses, Ingleside, Sefton Park, Liverpool.....	3	0	0
Robinson, Wm. L., Ingleside, Sefton Park, Liverpool .....	3	0	0
Reynolds, Rev. E. M. (the late), Ambleside .....	2	10	0
Appleford, Rev. W. L., Ripley Hospital, Lancaster .....	2	2	0
Barrow, John, Mere, Wilts .....	2	2	0
Brigg, B. S., Burlington House, Keighley.....	2	2	0
Clarke, Rev. Canon, The Vicarage, Rochdale .....	2	2	0
Crewdson, F. W., Summerhow, Kendal .....	2	2	0
Douglas, Dr. Archibald R., R.A.A., Lancaster.....	2	2	0
Frith-Hudson, C., Ashton House, Milnthorpe .....	2	2	0
Harrison, William, Exors. of, Moor Lane, Lancaster .....	2	2	0
Heape, Joseph R., Glebe House, Rochdale .....	2	2	0
Great and Little Bolton Co-operative Society, Bolton .....	2	2	0
Morison, John, 15, Roe Lane, Southport . .....	2	2	0
Newall, Thomas, The Hollies, Lancaster .....	2	2	0
Newbold, Miss, The Springs, Bury .....	2	2	0
Priestman, Frederick, Pierremont, Manningham, Bradford .....	2	2	0
Royden, Miss A. D., Forton Hey, Frankby, Birkenhead .....	2	2	0
Satterthwaite, W. H., Skelsfield, Lancaster.....	2	2	0
Shuttleworth, Dr. Geo. E., Parkholme, East Sheen, Surrey.....	2	2	0
Wakefield, E. W., Stricklandgate House, Kendal .....	2	2	0
Welch, A. B. S., Strathspey, Lancaster .....	2	2	0
Yorke, Miss, Duncombe Place, York .....	2	2	0
Mewburn, Miss E. (the late), 10, Crescent Parade, Ripon .....	2	0	0



	£	s	d.
Mansergh, Arthur H., Lancaster .....	1	11	6
Mansergh, Robert, Leighton House, Grange-over-Sands.....	1	11	6
Stobart, Mrs. H. S., Derwent Lodge, Keswick .....	1	11	6
Alexander, W. L., Lorton, Cockermouth.....	1	1	0
Aspinall, Mrs , Foxdale, Tarporley .....	1	1	0
Beaumont, Miss A. E., Bispham House, Little Bisham, Blackpool ...	1	1	0
Cousins, Edward, Penny Street, Lancaster .....	1	1	0
Crowder, W. I. R., Stanwix, Carlisle .....	1	1	0
Dickson and Robinson, 16, Cathedral Street, Manchester .....	1	1	0
Fraser, Mrs. Annie, Ganthorpe House, York .....	1	1	0
Hall, Dr William, Elmsfield, Lancaster .....	1	1	0
Jeeves, Edward, 26, West Street, Leominster .....	1	1	0
Hargreaves, J. S., Manchester.....	1	1	0
Mackie, Miss Edith G., St. John's, Wakefield.....	1	1	0
Minton, R. R. and Co., Cheapside, Liverpool .....	1	1	0
Okell, George (the late), Great Barrow, Chester .....	1	1	0
Paley, Miss E. F., Scarthwaite, Caton, Lancaster .....	1	1	0
Pearson and Knowles Coal and Iron Co., Limited, Nelson Street, Lancaster .....	1	1	0
Ramsay, Dr., High Petergate, York .....	1	1	0
Rawson, J. Selwyn, The Haugh End, Sowerby Bridge .....	1	1	0
Redmayne, R. R. (the late), Carlton House, Low Fell, Gateshead.....	1	1	0
Robinson, Mrs , Green Lane, Dalston, Cumberland .....	1	1	0
Turner, Colonel F. Cooper, Hay Carr, Lancaster .....	1	1	0
Tweedales and Smalley, Castleton, Manchester .....	1	1	0
Wanklyn, The Misses, Grange-over-Sands .....	1	1	0
Wildman, Wm., Blackpool .....	1	1	0
Wood, E. H., Inglehurst, Harrogate.....	1	1	0
Wood, Mrs. (the late), Fernleigh, Weaverham, Cheshire .....	1	1	0
Wynne-Edwards, Rev. J. R., The Grammar School, Leeds.....	1	1	0
Burdett, Mrs , Hakodadi, Arlecdon, Cumberland .....	1	0	6
Armstrong Mrs., Broom Lodge, Hatfield, Doncaster .....	1	0	0
Clay, Miss, Castle Fields, Rastrick, Brighouse .....	1	0	0
Favell, Miss E., Portinscale, Keswick .....	1	0	0
Goodwin, James E., Cheapside, Liverpool .....	1	0	0
Jennings, The Misses, Thornby Villa, Wigton.....	1	0	0
Lipman, Miss, Hawthornden, Victoria Park, Manchester .....	1	0	0
Sandford, Mrs., Sandford, Whitchurch, Salop .....	1	0	0
Shields, Mrs., Western Lodge, Durham.....	1	0	0
Rayner, Miss, Grosvenor Terrace, Garden Road, Brighouse.....	0	10	6
Taylor, Dr. C. Barrie, Half Edge Lane, Eccles, Manchester .....	0	10	6
Webster, Mrs., Crawshaw Villa, Pudsey, Leeds .....	0	10	6
Anonymous; Lytham.....	0	10	0
Alderson, Mrs., Park House, Worksop, Notts.....	0	10	0
Favell, Miss, Portinscale, Keswick .....	0	10	0
Harrison, Mrs., Cranmore, Waterloo, Liverpool.....	0	10	0
Rogers. Mrs., 51, Bolton Street, South Shore, Blackpool .....	0	10	0
Anonymous .....	0	7	6
Foster, Mrs., Craig Vaén, Poole Road, Bournemouth .....	0	5	0
Latham, M. H., 38, Nantwich Road, Crewe.....	0	5	0
Lees, Oswald, Egerton Street, Prestwich. Manchester .....	0	5	0
Rimington, The Misses, Tynefield, Penrith .....	0	5	0
Stroyan, Miss, 15, Westbourne Road, Forest Hill, London, S.E.....	0	5	0
Sundries .....	58	10	4
Bank Interest .....	4	6	10
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>£1,287</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>

## CASES OF IMPROVEMENT,

## ILLUSTRATIVE OF REPORT,

JUNE 30TH, 1908.

## BOYS.

W. (2619.) When admitted in April, 1906, at the age of twelve, read easy words, wrote fairly, could add units, knew a few coins and some of the hours on the clock.

Can now read and spell well from class reader, write much better, do dictation, composition and a letter, work sums in compound addition, draw and paint well, recognise most sensations of taste, smell and touch, tell all coins and weights and calculate fairly in shop lessons, tell time correctly, and answer intelligently in object and other lessons. He has generally improved and is learning book-stitching.

S. (2630.) When admitted in April, 1906, at the age of thirteen, read very easy words, wrote easy words from copy, knew several coins and the hours and quarters on the clock.

Can now read, spell and write well, do dictation and composition, work sums in simple multiplication, tell time fairly well, tell all coins and weights and calculate a little, recognise most sensations in sense lesson, and answer intelligently in object and other lessons. He has much improved in general intelligence, and is a useful lad in the shoe shop.

D. (2708.) When admitted in December, 1906, at the age of fifteen, spoke indistinctly, read very short words, worked very easy addition, knew a few coins and the hours on the clock.

Can now read and spell fairly well, write fairly, work sums in simple multiplication, speak more distinctly, tell time fairly, tell most coins and weights, and recognise most sensations in sense lesson. He has improved generally and is working at elementary wood-work.

A. (2718.) When admitted in December, 1906, aged twelve, read very simple words, wrote fairly, worked easy addition sums, knew two or three coins and the hours on the clock.

Can now read and spell fairly well, write much better, do dictation, composition and a letter, work sums in simple multiplication, tell all the coins and weights and calculate a little in shop lesson, tell time almost correctly, and recognise most sensations in sense lesson. He has much improved in general intelligence and is learning basket-making.

B. (2729.) When admitted in January, 1907, at the age of thirteen, read very easy words, wrote indifferently, worked easy addition sums and knew a few of the hours on the clock.

Can now read and spell fairly well, write very much better, do dictation and composition, work sums in compound addition, draw and paint well, tell time fairly well, recognise most sensations in taste, smell and touch, tell all the coins and weights and calculate fairly well. He has much improved in general intelligence, and works in the book-binding department.



## GIRLS.

M. (2401.) When admitted in September, 1903, at the age of six, knew one or two letters, could write a few letters and count a little.

Can now read fairly, do dictation, write a simple letter, work addition and subtraction sums, knit and sew a little, knows most sensations of taste, smell and touch, answers well in object lessons and knows most coins and weights.

S. (1951.) When admitted in August, 1897, at the age of eight, knew a few letters, made strokes on a slate, counted a little, knew one or two simple colours, made no attempt at drill.

Can now read well, do dictation, and write a letter, can do multiplication and division sums, knit stockings, darn and sew well, knows most sensations of taste, smell and touch, answers well in object lessons, can tell the time, knows the coins and weights, drills well and is good at domestic work.

G. (2012.) When admitted in May, 1898, at the age of seven, knew one or two letters, scribbled on a slate, paid no attention to any lessons, and was very excitable.

Can now read well and do dictation, write a letter, work addition and subtraction sums, knit and sew a little, knows most sensations of taste, touch and smell, can tell the time to five minutes, answers fairly well in object lessons, knows most weights and coins and is good at domestic work.

## JUNIOR BOY.

S. (2447.) When admitted in October, 1903, at the age of eight, made an attempt at drill, knew no letters, could make one or two letters on a slate, counted a little and knew a few sensations of taste

Can now read an easy reader fairly, do easy dictation, work addition sums, knows most sensations of taste, smell and touch, answers well in object lessons, knows most coins and weights and can knit cuffs.

## STATISTICS AS TO PATIENTS.

## CONDITION OF PATIENTS discharged during year.

						Males.	Females.	Total.
"Relieved"	{	Much improved	...	...	...	10	10	20
		Moderately improved	...	...	...	9	5	14
		Slightly improved	...	...	...	6	5	11
		Not improved	...	...	...	13	13	26
							38	33

## ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES AND DEATHS, from December 14th, 1870, to June 30th, 1908.

Total Number of Admissions	...	...	...	2872
Total Number of Discharges	...	...	...	1666
Total Number of Deaths	...	...	...	546
In Institution on June 30th, 1908	...	...	...	660
				<u>2872</u>

## RESULTS OF TRAINING of all Discharged Patients.

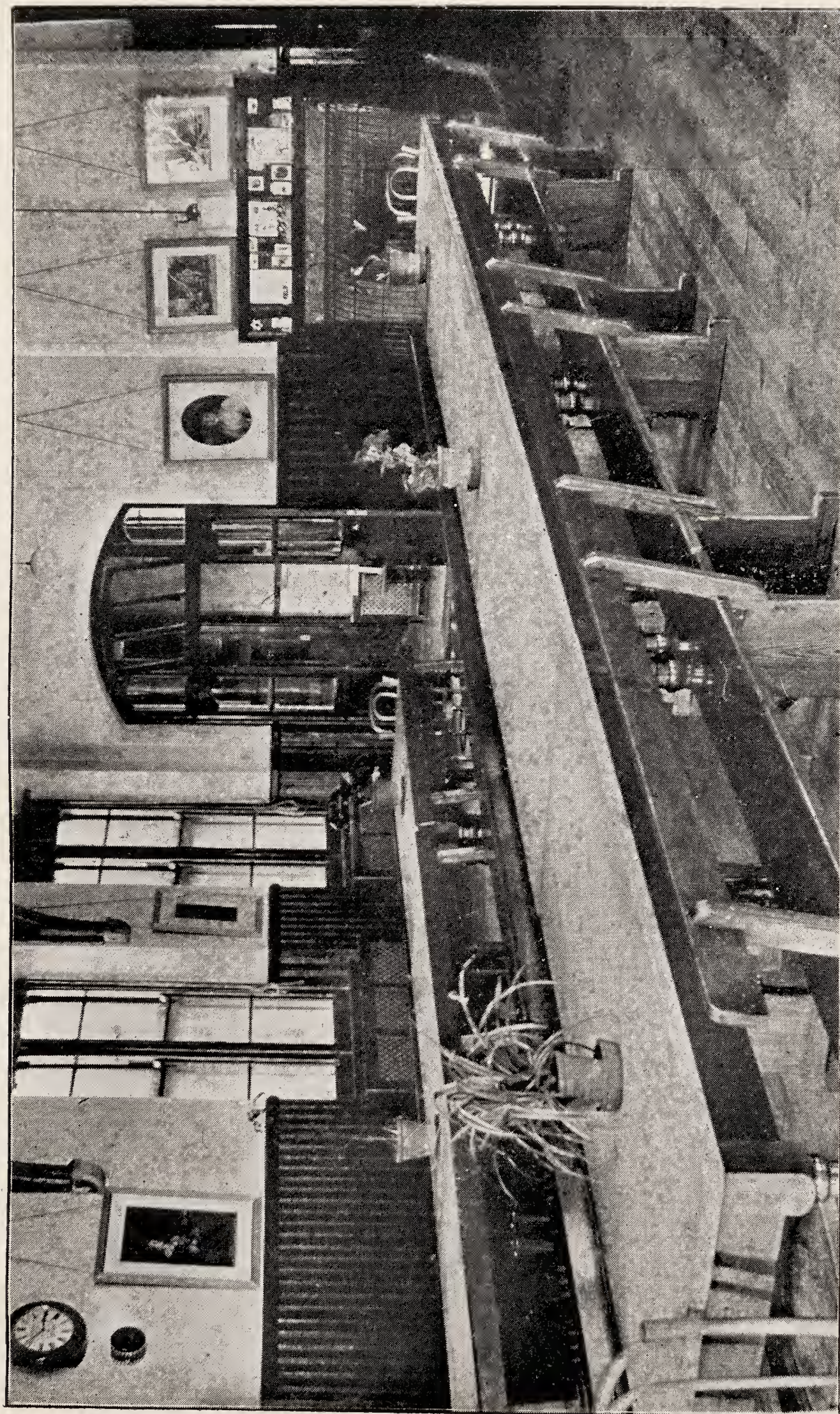
Much Improved	...	...	...	453 or 27·19 per cent.
Moderately Improved	...	...	...	560 or 33·61 „
Slightly Improved	..	...	...	391 or 23·47 „
				<u>1404 or 84·27 „</u>
Not Improved	...	...	...	262 or 15·73 „
Total	...	...	...	<u>1666 or 100·00 „</u>

## AGES OF PATIENTS who have resided in the Asylum, and of those who have died, during the fifty-two weeks included in the Medical Superintendent's Annual Report.

AGES.		NO. OF EACH AGE RESIDENT.			NO. OF EACH AGE DECEASED.		
		Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.
From 5 to 10 years	...	34	22	56	0	1	1
10 „ 15 „	...	129	76	205	3	4	7
15 „ 20 „	...	171	95	266	3	1	4
20 and upwards	...	149	77	226	9	1	10
		483	270	753	15	7	22

A. R. DOUGLAS,  
MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT.





DAY-ROOM IN THE ASHTON WING.





STOREY HOME DINING ROOM.



# REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY.

THE ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM,

LANCASTER,

*February 20th, 1908.*

We have to-day visited this Institution with its dependencies, including Brunton House, where 13 useful patients of the paying class are received, the Storey Home, which is capable of receiving 40 female cases who have improved or are improving, the Isolation Hospital and Infirmary, now occupied by 53 patients, the Farm, where 12 boys and 3 men are employed, and the Reception House erected in memory of the late Mr. James Diggins, together with the Workshops and other administrative departments.

As the result of our inspection, we can report that the Institution continues to be administered in a very efficient manner and to carry on very useful charitable work.

Since the last visit of Members of our Board on July 18th, 1907, 67 patients have been admitted, 48 discharged or removed, and 17 have died. The deaths were all due to natural causes, one half of them being the result of influenza and its complications. No serious casualty has occurred, and no inquest has been held.

The health of the Institution is good, the only disease of an infectious character which has occurred being a rather severe outbreak of influenza which attacked 59 of the patients but has now nearly died out. There have also been 22 cases of conjunctivitis, 8 of which are still under treatment.

There are now on the books of the Institution the names of 652 patients, of whom 414 are of the male and 238 of the female sex; 3 are absent on leave. We saw the whole of the patients in residence at our visit to-day, and found them happy and contented, in addition to being very well and judiciously cared for. The patients on both sides were clean and tidy in their dress; the wards are bright and attractive looking, the dormitories fresh and well-ventilated, and the beds and bedding in good order. The only parts of the establishment which do not come up to this high standard are the basement rooms on the male side of the Main Building. We are glad to hear that these rooms will shortly be taken in hand, as we consider that the reception of the low-grade type of patients who reside in them is one of the most valuable parts of the charitable work carried on by this Institution.

The new Reception House is now in full working order. All cases are in the first place received there on admission; after a sufficient period of observation they are then dispersed to the other parts of the establishment suitable for their permanent reception, whereupon the house is for the time closed and thoroughly disinfected.

We saw an excellent dinner of meat-pie and potatoes served in the Hall, which was evidently appreciated by the patients, whose conduct was remarkably quiet and orderly.

Various minor improvements are being carried out, the floors of parts of the building being taken in hand where required, as was suggested by our colleagues at their last visit; a cricket ground is being laid for the attendants, and two lawn-tennis courts are being prepared for the use of the female staff.

Of the 652 patients now on the books, 17 are life-interest and presentation cases, 274 election cases, 20 are received for full payment, 99 at reduced payment, and 242 are pauper cases.

The average weekly cost of maintenance per head per week is 13s. 9d.

Our report shows that we have been much pleased by our inspection of the Institution, the administration of which reflects great credit on the Committee, Dr. Douglas, the Medical Superintendent, and all engaged in the work.

A. H. TREVOR,	} Commissioners in Lunacy.
E. MARRIOTT COOKE,	

## PRESENTS RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR.



- Aitken, Dr., Lancaster, £1 1s. for Christmas Tree.  
 Armstrong, P., Leeds, 3s. 9d. for Christmas Tree.  
 Arnold, Mrs. G. J., Lancaster, Oranges, Apples, and Magazines for Christmas Tree.  
 Arrowsmith, J., Glazebrook, Manchester, 10s. for Christmas Tree.  
 Arrowsmith, Miss J. A., Glazebrook, Manchester, 10s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.  
 Ascroft, Sir William, Preston, £1 1s. 0d.  
 Ashburner, Miss, Kirkby-in-Furness, Knitted Cuffs, Woollen Balls, and Scrap Book for Christmas Tree.  
 Atkinson, Mrs. W., Lancaster, Cricket Bats, Balls and Toys for Christmas Tree.  
 Bagnall and Co., Lancaster, 2 dozen Perfume Sachets for Christmas Tree.  
 Baines, Miss Ellen, Kirkby-in-Furness, Woollen Cuffs for Christmas Tree.  
 Barlow, J. S., Lancaster, 5s. for Christmas Tree.  
 Barrow and Nicholson, Lancaster, 10s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.  
 Barrow, Mrs. Thomas, Balrand, Lancaster, Bags of Sweets for Christmas Tree.  
 Barrow, Mrs. W., Yewgarth, Lancaster, Bags of Sweets for Christmas Tree.  
 Barrow, Miss, Lancaster, Box of Lantern Slides.  
 Bell, F. Burns, Lancaster, 10s. for Christmas Tree.  
 Bell, Mrs. J. R., Lancaster, Ribbon for Christmas Tree.  
 Bell, Wm., Lancaster, Barrel of Apples for Christmas Tree.  
 Benson, Mrs. T., Lancaster, 22 dozen Christmas Tree Candles for Christmas Tree.  
 Berry, Mr. Harrop, Ossett, 5s. for Christmas Tree.  
 Bingham, Misses, Lancaster, Photo Frames, Post Card Albums, Woollen Cuffs, &c., for Christmas Tree.  
 Bird, Mrs., Lancaster, Parcel of Magazines.  
 Birkett, Mrs., Caton, Lancaster, Dolls and Bonbons for Christmas Tree.  
 Birley, Mrs., Pendleton, Packs of Playing Cards for Christmas Tree.  
 Blades, Mrs. (the late), Parkfield, Lancaster, £1 1s. for Christmas Tree; £1 1s. additional for Staff Library.  
 Bland, Mrs. and the Misses Bland, Lancaster, Balls, Woollen Cuffs, Picture Books, and Sweets for Christmas Tree.  
 Bleasdale, Miss Amy, Lancaster, Picture Books for Christmas Tree.  
 Bleasdale, Miss Doris, Lancaster, Scrap Books, Chocolates, and Crackers for Christmas Tree.  
 Boardall, Mrs. E., Woodlesford, Leeds, Christmas Cards for Christmas Tree.  
 Boots, Limited, Lancaster, Sample Books of Christmas Cards.  
 Bradshaw, Miss H., Lancaster, Knitted Woollen Scarves, for Christmas Tree.  
 Brockbank, Robert and Herbert, Dolls, Games, Picture Books, Toys, &c., for Christmas Tree.  
 Brocklehurst, Rev. T. P., Twenty-five Sets of large Bible Pictures.  
 Brodrick, Rev. F. E., and Mrs. Broderick, Lytham, 5s. for Christmas Tree.  
 Briggs, F., Silsden, Toys for Christmas Tree.  
 Brunskill, J., Lancaster, 164 yards Lace, Hats, and Box of Artificial Flowers for Decorations.  
 Bulfield, Wilfred and Gerald, Burmese Toys for Christmas Tree.  
 Bull, Mrs., London, 5s. for Christmas Tree.  
 Burlison, Miss, Durham, Doll, Scrap Book and Christmas Cards for Christmas Tree.  
 Butler, Miss. E., Ambleside, Balls, Scrap Books and Woollen Cuffs for Christmas Tree.  
 Cardwell, Mrs., Lancaster, Toys, &c., for Christmas Tree.  
 Case, The Misses, Lancaster, Woollen Balls and Boxes of Crackers for Christmas Tree.





BOYS' CLASS.



CLASS OF JUNIOR BOYS AND GIRLS





GROUP OF PATIENTS AND TEACHERS.



- Catterall, Mrs., Lancaster, Dolls and Toys for Christmas Tree; Dress for Stage.  
 Chainé, Miss M., Lancaster, Box of Crackers for Christmas Tree.  
 Clark, Miss, Queen Street, Lancaster, 10s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.  
 Clark, Mrs. E. G., Lancaster, Picture Books for Christmas Tree.  
 Clark, Mrs. J. C. E., Lancaster, Dolls and Boxes of Sweets for Christmas Tree.  
 Codd, Mrs., Brighton, £1 for Christmas Tree.  
 Copeland, J., Newton Heath, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.  
 Cottam, Miss, Lancaster, Doll for Christmas Tree.  
 Cottam, Miss Winifred, Lancaster, Box of Crackers for Christmas Tree.  
 Cousins, Mr. and Mrs., Lancaster, large Santa Claus Stocking of Sweets and Toys for Christmas Tree.  
 Cox, Mrs., Austin, Lancaster, Picture Books for Christmas Tree.  
 Craven, Joseph, Thornton, Bradford, £1 for Christmas Tree.  
 Crewe Branch of the Cheshire Ladies' Association, per Mrs. John Powell, Dressed Dolls, Toys, Handkerchiefs, Clothing, Balls, &c., for Christmas Tree.  
 Croft and Ewan, Lancaster, Case of Oranges for Christmas Tree.  
 Cross, Miss, Lancaster, Picture Books for Christmas Tree.  
 Cross, Mrs., Lancaster, Picture Books, Toys, Needle Cases, &c., for Christmas Tree.  
 Cross, The Misses, Lancaster, Knitted Scarves for Christmas Tree.  
 Cross, T. and Sons, Lancaster, Santa Claus Stocking for Christmas Tree.  
 Crowther, Mrs., Hoylake, Case of Books, Picture Post-cards, &c.  
 Dagger, Mrs., Preston, Dolls for Christmas Tree.  
 Davies, Henry (the late), Carus Lodge, Lancaster, £1 1s. for Christmas Tree.  
 Day, Mrs., Wistaston, Crewe, £1 for Christmas Tree.  
 Dewhirst, A., and Friends, Colne, £1 for Christmas Tree.  
 Dick, Mrs., Whitley Bay, £2 for Christmas Tree.  
 Dicksons Limited, Royal Seed and Nursery Establishment, Chester, 3,550 Bulbs of various kinds.  
 Docton, G. M., Lancaster, Box of Biscuits for Christmas Tree.  
 Elliott, Wm., Lancaster, 5s. for Christmas Tree.  
 Ewan, The Misses, Lancaster, Dolls, Toys and Sweets, for Christmas Tree.  
 Fendley, Mrs., Lancaster, large Christmas Cake for Christmas Tree.  
 Fendley, Miss, Lancaster, Sweets for Christmas Tree.  
 Foster, Colonel (the late), and Mrs. Foster, Hornby Castle, Lancaster, large Case of Dolls and Games for Christmas Tree.  
 Foster, The Misses, Hornby Castle, Lancaster, Pictures and Magazines.  
 Foster, Mrs., Liverpool, Articles of Clothing.  
 Friends at Park Lane Chapel, Wigan, per Mrs. Molyneux, Wigan, 6s. 6d.  
 Fulton, I., Birkenhead, 5s. for Christmas Tree.  
 Gallaway, Mrs. A. T., Lancaster, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.  
 Gardner, Mrs. F. H., Lancaster, Boxes of Crackers and Boxes of Chocolate for Christmas Tree.  
 Garton, Mrs., Lancaster, 10s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.  
 Gill, T., and Mrs. Gill, Lancaster, 5s. for Christmas Tree.  
 Gillow and Co., Lancaster, Loan of Stage Cloth.  
 Gledhill, Mrs., Lancaster, Dolls, Scales, and Slates, for Christmas Tree.  
 Gorrell, Mrs. J. W., Lancaster, Hair Ribbons.  
 Goth, Walter R., Lancaster, 2s. 6d., for Christmas Tree.  
 Green, Mrs. W. S., Lancaster, 5s. for Christmas Tree.  
 Greenwood and Whitehead, Lancaster, £1 for Christmas Tree.  
 Gregson, Mrs. R., Lancaster, 5s. for Christmas Tree.  
 Groves, W. G., Windermere, £1 1s. for Christmas Tree.  
 Hall, Miss A., Lancaster, Dolls and Toys for Christmas Tree.  
 Hall, Dr. William, Lancaster, 5s. for Christmas Tree.  
 Hamilton, Dr., Lancaster, 10s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.  
 Hargreaves, Mrs. A., Lancaster, Magazines and Christmas Cards for Christmas Tree.  
 Hartley, Miss S. E., Lancaster, Box of Oranges for Christmas Tree.

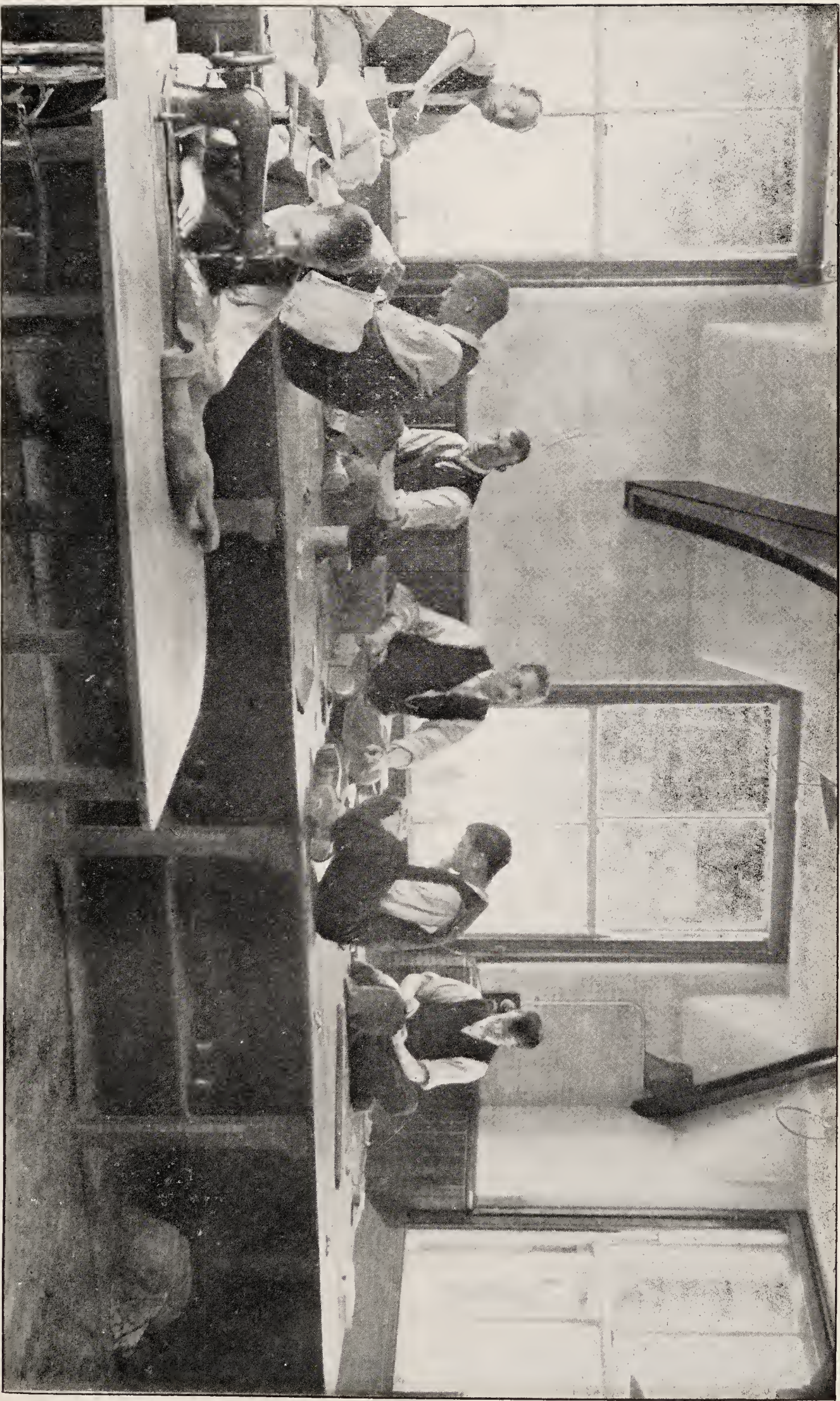
- Hatch, J., Lancaster, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
- Heald, Mrs., Lancaster, Scarves, Dolls, Balls, &c., for Christmas Tree.
- Helme, Norval W., M.P., and Mrs Helme, Springfield Hall, Lancaster, Case of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
- Herringshaw, Miss, Lancaster, Dressed Dolls for Christmas Tree.
- Hetherington, George, Scotforth, Knitted Woollen Scarves for Christmas Tree.
- Heywood, Master and Miss, Lancaster, Crackers and Picture Books for Christmas Tree.
- Hibbert, The Right Hon. Sir John T., and Lady Hibbert, Grange-over-Sands, £2 for Christmas Tree
- Hill, M. A. and Co., Halifax, Violin, Drawing Slates, Toys, &c., for Christmas Tree.
- Hind, Rev. J., Hendon, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
- Hodgson, C. E., Skerton, Lancaster, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
- Hodgson, R., Lancaster, Picture Books for Christmas Tree.
- Hodgson, Mr. Charles, Lancaster, Picture Books for Christmas Tree.
- Howarth, G., Lancaster, Large packet of Photo Post-cards.
- Hoyle, Mrs., Lancaster, Toys, Bricks, Cubes, Book and Chocolate for Christmas Tree.
- Huddersfield Ladies' Association, per Mrs. Wrigley, Meltham, Knitted Woollen Articles, Workbags, Toys, Dolls, &c., for Christmas Tree.
- Hudson, Mrs., Leeds, £1 for Christmas Tree.
- Hughes, T. R., Lancaster, 3s. for Christmas Tree.
- Huntington, Mrs. W., Ashford House, Lancaster, Toys, Dolls, Bal's, &c., for Christmas Tree.
- Hutchence, Walter, and Co., Lancaster, Oranges for Christmas Tree.
- Ingleby, Miss A., Hale, Cheshire, Box of Crackers for Christmas Tree.
- Ingleby, Miss F. H., Clitheroe, Chocolates and Toys for Christmas Tree.
- Irvin, Master and Miss, Lancaster, Comical Dolls for Christmas Tree.
- Jackson, Miss Mabel, Lancaster Dolls and Picture Books for Christmas Tree.
- Jackson, Councillor George, Lancaster, two Cases of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
- Jackson, Mrs. R., Ashton-under-Lyne, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
- Jeeves, Edward, Leomister, £1 1s. for Christmas Tree.
- Jepson, Miss D., Lancaster, Scrap books and Dulcimers for Christmas Tree.
- Johnson, Charles, Lancaster, Case of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
- Johnson, Mrs. Robert, Halton, Lancaster, Box of Crackers for Christmas Tree.
- Johnson, W., Lancaster, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
- Judge, Mrs., New Brighton, Christmas Cards for Christmas Tree.
- Kathleen, Jack, and Josephine, Boxes of Sweets and Boxes of Crackers for Christmas Tree.
- Kelsall, George, Manchester, Picture Books, &c., for Christmas Tree.
- Kidd, Mrs., York, Dolls, Toys, &c., for Christmas Tree.
- Kidd, Arthur, R.A.A., Lancaster, Chocolate Ornaments for Christmas Tree.
- Kilgour, Rev. G., Rochdale, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
- Killey, G. D., Waterloo, Liverpool, £1 1s. for Christmas Tree.
- Lancaster and Skerton Equitable Industrial Co-operative Society, Limited, Case of Oranges, Nuts and Sweets for Christmas Tree.
- Lamport, Dr., Lancaster, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
- Layfield, Mrs. Alfred, Leeds, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
- Lawson and Sons, Lancaster, large Musical Toy.
- Leach, Mrs. F. W., Lancaster, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
- Lister, Mrs. A., Bradford, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
- Mansergh, Mrs. Grange-over-Sands, 10s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
- Mason, Gordon, Lancaster, Boxes of Crackers for Christmas Tree.
- Matthaei, F., Lancaster, Large Toy Cow for Christmas Tree.
- Maudsley, Mrs., Lancaster, Woollen Cuffs for Christmas Tree.
- Mayall, Miss, Ashton-in-Makerfield, Dolls for Christmas Tree.
- McCalla, Mrs. W. E., Lancaster, Sweets and Crackers and Christmas Cards for Christmas Tree.



- McRaith, The Misses, Lancaster, Dolls and Toys for Christmas Tree.
- McRaith, Mrs. A., Lancaster, Child's Fur and Muff for Christmas Tree.
- McWhinnie, Mrs., Lancaster, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
- McWhinnie, J., Lancaster, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
- Millington, G., Lancaster, Coloured Paper for decoration for Christmas Tree.
- Mitchell, Wm., Macclesfield, 3s. for Christmas Tree.
- Molyneux, Mrs., Wigan, Dolls' Hats for Christmas Tree.
- Moreland, Mrs., Lancaster, Artificial Flowers, for decorations.
- Moore, Sir Henry and Miss Moore, Crook, Illustrated Papers.
- Morvell, Mrs., Lancaster, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
- Naylor, Miss S. A., Liversedge, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
- Oddy, Fred, Leeds, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
- Otty, H., Lancaster, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
- Paget-Tomlinson, Dr., Kirkby Lonsdale, £1 for Christmas Tree.
- Paley, Miss E. F., Caton, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
- Parr, Miss Eveline, Lancaster, Toys and Sweets for Christmas Tree.
- Parr, Miss Hilda, Lancaster, Toys and Sweets for Christmas Tree.
- Peacock, Mrs., New Brighton, Christmas Cards for Christmas Tree.
- Pearson, C. S. (pupil of the R.A.A.), Whitley Bay, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
- Pennington, Miss, Kirkby-in-Furness, Scrap books for Christmas Tree.
- Pickford, Miss, Carnforth, Christmas Cards, Woollen Shawl, Cuffs and Collarette, for Christmas Tree.
- Pilkington, Mrs. J. R. B., Lancaster, Knitted Woollen Cuffs and Scarves for Christmas Tree.
- Pilkington, Mrs., Lancaster, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
- Platt, John, Hyning, Carnforth, £1 1s. for Christmas Tree.
- Powell, Mrs. John, Crewe, Articles of Clothing.
- Powell, W. K., Preston, 150 Fancy Boxes of Biscuits for Christmas Tree.
- Procter, Mrs., Barrowford, 7s. for Christmas Tree.
- Procter, Wm., Scotforth, Lancaster, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
- Rawson, J. Selwyn, Sowerby Bridge, £1 for Christmas Tree.
- Reddrop and Co., Lancaster, Mechanical and other Toys, Parcel of Bead Trimming for Stage dresses, Christmas Cards, &c., for Christmas Tree.
- Religious Tract Society. per Rev. J. H. Colligan, Lancaster, Parcel of Books, Christmas Cards, &c., for Christmas Tree.
- Relph, Eric and Mildred, Lancaster, Dolls for Christmas Tree.
- Richardson, Miss E., Lancaster, Toys and Crackers for Christmas Tree.
- Rodger, J. W., Cardiff, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
- Roper, W. O., Yealand Conyers, £1 1s. for Christmas Tree.
- Ross, Miss, Lancaster, Scrap Books for Christmas Tree.
- Rowbotham, E., Carnforth, 7s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
- Row, Nora and Marion, Cradles, Dolls, Balls, &c., for Christmas Tree.
- Satterthwaite, W. H., Lancaster, £1 for Christmas Tree.
- Satterthwaite, Samuel, Lancaster, 10s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
- Seward, D., Lancaster, Scrap Books for Christmas Tree.
- Scott, Nurse, and friend, Lancaster, Woollen Scarves, Balls, Dominoes and Picture Books for Christmas Tree.
- Shand, W., and Sons, Lancaster, Case of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
- Sharpe, Mrs. J. W., Bardon Mill, Dolls, Picture Books and Christmas Cards for Christmas Tree.
- Sharples, Mrs., Manchester, Dressed Dolls for Christmas Tree.
- Shaw, Mrs. E. B., Lancaster, 10s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
- Shuttleworth, Dr. and Mrs., Richmond, Surrey, Dressed Dolls for Christmas Tree.
- Simpson, The Misses, Lancaster, Balls, Tops, Toys, &c., for Christmas Tree.
- Simpson, Mrs. S., Lancaster, Dolls, Books, Sweets and Toys for Christmas Tree.
- Singleton, John and Son, Lancaster, Games and Ornaments for Christmas Tree.
- Skirrow, Mrs., Settle, Toys, Scrap Books, &c., for Christmas Tree.

- Smiths, T. D., Limited, Lancaster, 2 Cases of Oranges for Christmas Tree.  
 Smith, W. H. and Son, Lancaster, Christmas Card Sample Book.  
 Stephenson, Mrs. W. K., Lancaster, Oranges for Christmas Tree.  
 Storey, Herbert L., Lancaster, large Parcel of Organ Music.  
 Storey, Edward, Crosslands, Lancaster, £1 1s. for Christmas Tree.  
 Storey, Isaac H., Windermere, Electric Fairy Lamps for Christmas Trees.  
 Stork, Mrs., Lancaster, 10s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.  
 Sumner, Mrs., Tarbock, Prescott, 5s. for Christmas Tree.  
 Sutcliffe, Mrs. E. M., Lancaster, 5s. for Christmas Tree.  
 Sutcliffe, Walter, Lancaster, 5s. for Christmas Tree.  
 Tatham, Mr. and Mrs. R., Lancaster, Barrel of Apples and Case of Oranges for Christmas Tree.  
 Taylor, Dr. C. Barrie, Eccles, Fancy Boxes of Chocolate for Christmas Tree.  
 Taylor, J. W., Lancaster, 5s. for Christmas Tree.  
 Taylor, Mathias, Didsbury, 5s. for Christmas Tree.  
 Tennant, Miss, Lancaster, Dolls for Christmas Tree.  
 Thompson, The Misses, Lancaster, Magazines.  
 Thompson, Miss, Lancaster, 5s. for Christmas Tree.  
 Till, T., Lancaster, 5s. for Christmas Tree.  
 Todd, Mrs. and The Misses, Lancaster, Doll, Balls, Cuffs, &c., for Christmas Tree.  
 Tomlinson, C. R., Lancaster, Mouth Organs for Christmas Tree.  
 Towers, Mrs. H. E., Lancaster, Articles of Clothing for Christmas Tree.  
 Turner, Colonel F. Cooper, Hay Carr, Lancaster, Burmese Toys for Christmas Tree.  
 Tyson, R., Lancaster, Box of Biscuits for Christmas Tree.  
 Walker, Mr., Lancaster, a Case of Oranges for Christmas Tree.  
 Warwick, Mrs. F. W., Lancaster, 3s. for Christmas Tree.  
 Wearing, Master and Miss, Toys and Sweets for Christmas Tree.  
 Weekes, G. H., Lancaster, Box of Biscuits for Christmas Tree.  
 Welch, A. B. S., Lancaster, Barrel of Apples for Christmas Tree.  
 Welch, W. G., Hampson, Lancaster, £1 for Christmas Tree.  
 Welch, Miss, Lancaster, Toys, Books and Chocolates for Christmas Tree.  
 Whitley, John, West House, Halifax, £1 for Christmas Tree.  
 Wilcock, Mrs., Lancaster, Picture Books, Toys, &c., for Christmas Tree.  
 Willis, Herbert, Bradford, 10s. for Christmas Tree.  
 Wilson, James, Lancaster, Books on the Treatment of the Feeble-minded.  
 Wigley, Mr. J. M., Market Street, Lancaster, 80 Christmas Card Sample Books.  
 Wingate-Saul, Mrs., Lancaster, 10s. for Christmas Tree.  
 Wolstenholme, Mrs. J. T., Lancaster, 5s. for Christmas Tree.  
 Womersley, Mrs., Halifax, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.  
 Wood, Mrs., R. H., Lancaster, Sweets, Bonbons, and Christmas Cards for Christmas Tree.  
 Woods, Miss, Lancaster, 10s. for Christmas Tree.  
 Wright, Mrs., Ashton-in-Makerfield, Clothing.  
 Wrigley, Miss, Windermere, Dolls, Toys, Games, Books, &c., for Christmas Tree.





TAILORS.





BRUSH AND MAT MAKERS.



# CENSUS OF IMBECILE OR FEEBLE-MINDED PERSONS.

## ENGLAND AND WALES.

Number of Imbecile or Feeble-minded Persons returned in the Householders' Schedules at the Census of 1901 :

MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.
24,480.	24,402.	48,882.

### *The Seven Northern Counties comprising the Royal Albert Asylum District :*

Administrative Counties (including the County Boroughs).	Population.	Imbecile or Feeble-minded Persons.					
		Under 20 years of age.			Of all ages.		
		Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons
LANCASHIRE ... ..	4,387,043	1007	695	1702	3385	2952	6337
YORKSHIRE ... ..	3,590,752	523	428	951	2109	2013	4122
DURHAM ... ..	1,187,474	183	112	295	624	542	1166
CHESHIRE... ..	827,191	125	105	230	552	587	1139
NORTHUMBERLAND ... ..	603,119	90	50	140	386	316	702
CUMBERLAND ... ..	266,933	29	32	61	169	166	335
WESTMORLAND ... ..	64,409	6	5	11	50	47	97
Seven Northern Counties...	10,926,921	1963	1427	3390	7275	6623	13898

The returns are, undoubtedly, far below the actual number. There is a natural reluctance on the part of parents to call their children "Imbecile," and many even hesitate to designate them as "Feeble-minded." The Census Commissioners in their Report of the Census of 1881 (no separate returns for this class were required in the Census of 1891) stated: "In the earliest periods of life this imperfection in the returns is unavoidable. It cannot be expected, for instance, that a mother will return her child, as yet only two or three years old, as an idiot, however much in her own heart she may believe or fear this to be the case; for to acknowledge it as such would be to abandon all hope. But when the child has reached such an age that no doubt as to its mental incapacity can any longer be entertained, concealment of the fact by omitting all mention of it in the schedule is no longer equally excusable, and yet it is certain that such omission is excessively common." The Commissioners said further, in this Report, "the total number of idiots and imbeciles at all ages may be estimated at 41,940, instead of 32,717, as enumerated, and this estimated total is doubtlessly still too low."

The following is the Ratio of returned Imbecile or Feeble-minded Persons to the entire population in the several places named (Census 1901):

Name.	Population.	Imbecile or Feeble-minded Persons.	One Imbecile or Feeble-minded Person in every
ENGLAND AND WALES ... ..	32,527,843	48,882	665
THE SEVEN COUNTIES ... ..	10,926,921	13,898	786
LANCASHIRE... ..	4,387,043	6,337	692
YORKSHIRE ... ..	3,590,752	4,122	871
DURHAM... ..	1,187,474	1,166	1018
CHESHIRE ... ..	827,191	1,139	726
NORTHUMBERLAND ... ..	603,119	702	859
CUMBERLAND ... ..	266,933	335	796
WESTMORLAND ... ..	64,409	97	664

NOTE.—The Counties are the Administrative Counties (including the County Boroughs).

# LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE STAFF TO WHOM MEDALS HAVE BEEN AWARDED,

WITH DATES WHEN SERVICE COMMENCED.

## GOLD MEDALS.

James Diggins, Principal and Secretary ... .. (deceased) 1865	Benjamin Vere, Schoolmaster and Bandmaster ... .. 1885
George Parsons, Master Shoemaker 1871	Alfred Thomas Gallaway, Teacher and Bookbinder ... .. 1887
James Hodgson, Joiner ... .. 1872	William I'Anson, Stoker ... .. 1887
James Nickson, Deputy Chief Attendant ... .. 1874	Dora Studdert, Brunton House Matron ... .. (left) 1887
Worthy Parsons, Shoemaker ... .. 1875	Elizabeth Hayton, Nurse... .. 1887
Thomas Cumpsty, Head Plumber... 1876	Arthur Ernest Sutcliffe, Assistant Storekeeper ... .. 1887
Oliver Mason, Tailor ... .. 1878	Robert Craig, Master Tailor ... .. 1888
Jane Parkinson, Tailoress ... .. 1878	Elizabeth Metcalfe, Charge Nurse... 1888
Mrs. Henrietta E. Smith, Storey Home Matron ... .. 1878	Edward Knowles, Assistant Stoker 1889
Henry Smith, Laundryman ... .. 1880	Charles McGowan, Attendant... .. 1889
Edward B. Shaw, Accountant... .. 1880	James McWhinnie, Surgery Attendant ... .. 1889
Andrew Yule, Attendant ... .. *1880	William Parkinson, Gardener... .. 1889
Elizabeth Atkinson, Nurse ... .. 1881	Mary Jane Metcalf, Nurse ... .. 1889
Joseph Holland, Baker ... .. 1881	Thomas Jackson, Night Stoker ... .. 1890
Mrs. Ann Holland, Cook ... .. 1881	Thomas Bell, Tailor ... .. *1887
Jane Irwin, Nurse ... .. 1882	Charles Bennett, Shoemaker ... .. 1891
Eleanor Huntington, Nurse ... .. 1883	Benjamin Owen, Clerk ... .. 1891
Frederick Varey, Head Gardener ... 1883	Thomas Turner Goad, Tailor... .. 1891
Edmund M. Sutcliffe, Clerk ... .. 1883	William Arkwright, Gardener... .. 1891
Albert Macdonald, Steward ... .. 1883	
Mrs. Jane Doherty, Nurse (left) 1884	

## SILVER MEDALS.

Jessie McVicar, Brunton House Cook ... .. (left) 1891	Jessie M. Henderson, Laundry Forewoman ... .. 1895
Clara Naylor, Nurse ... .. (left) 1892	Emily E. Pugh, Schoolmistress ... 1895
Alice Churchhouse, Laundress ... 1894	Dr. Archibald R. Douglas, Medical Superintendent ... .. *1893
Mary Lamb, Housemaid ... .. (left) 1894	Joseph Wilson, Joiner ... .. 1894
Mary Jane Waters, Laundress ... 1894	Benjamin W. Price, Attendant ... 1896
Wm. Bond, Chief Attendant (left) 1895	

## BRONZE MEDALS.

Elizabeth J. Burton, Teacher (left) 1894	Edith Wallis, Tailoress ... .. 1898
Harriet Hill, Nurse-Teacher (left) 1894	Jane Lucas, Laundress ... .. 1899
Robert Simpson, Attendant ... (left) 1895	Alice Briscoe, Nurse ... .. 1900
Winifred H. Bolton, Teacher (left) 1896	John Brownrigg, Farm Labourer . 1900
Edward Edmondson, Farm Attendant ... .. (left) 1896	Joseph E. Hodgson, Electrician's Labourer ... .. 1900
Joseph Smith, Plumber-Attendant... 1897	Frederick W. Lilley, Basket-maker 1900
Nelly Burdett, Schoolmistress (left) 1897	James H. Wilby, Attendant ... .. 1900
Dr. W. H. Coupland, Senr. Assistant Medical Officer ... .. 1897	Sydney H. White, Upholsterer Attendant... .. 1900
Samuel Keir, Secretary ... .. 1898	Robert W. Watson, Farm Labourer 1901
Robert J. Cooke, Attendant (left) *1895	Edith Richmond, Nurse ... .. 1901
Edmund W. Bradford, Attendant ... *1895	William Smith, Gardener... .. 1901
John Hayhurst, Butcher ... .. *1889	Victoria Vere, Teacher ... .. 1901
Frances Simple, Sewing-maid... .. 1898	Frederick Wm. Leach, Clerk of Works ... .. 1901
Wm. J. Mallard, Brush and Mat-maker ... .. 1898	Ruth Lucas, Laundress ... .. 1901

\*—Two periods of service included.





SHOEMAKERS' SHOP.



BASKETMAKERS' SHOP.





JOINERS' SHOP.



THE PATIENTS' DRUM AND FIFE BAND.



# LIST OF PLACES

FROM WHICH THE PRESENT INMATES HAVE BEEN ADMITTED.

## LANCASHIRE.

	No.		No.
Ashton-in-Makerfield ... ..	3	Liverpool ... ..	53
Ashton-under-Lyne... ..	1	Leigh and Atherton ... ..	8
Bacup... ..	1	Leyland, Preston ... ..	1
Barrow-in-Furness ... ..	2	Lytham ... ..	2
Blackburn ... ..	7	Maghull, Liverpool... ..	1
Blackpool ... ..	2	Manchester and Salford... ..	73
Bolton... ..	16	Morecambe ... ..	1
Burnley ... ..	5	Newton-le-Willows ... ..	1
Bury ... ..	2	Oldham ... ..	21
Carnforth, Lancaster ... ..	1	Ormskirk ... ..	1
Castleton, Manchester ... ..	1	Prescot, Liverpool ... ..	1
Chorley ... ..	1	Preston ... ..	13
Clitheroe ... ..	1	Rawtenstall ... ..	2
Coppull, Wigan ... ..	1	Rochdale ... ..	9
Didsbury, Manchester ... ..	1	Seaforth, Liverpool ... ..	1
Flixton, Manchester ... ..	1	St. Anne's-on-Sea ... ..	1
Garstang ... ..	1	St. Michael's-on-Wyre ... ..	1
Garston, Liverpool ... ..	1	Southport ... ..	5
Great Crosby, Liverpool ... ..	1	Tyldesley ... ..	1
Haydock, St. Helens ... ..	1	Ulverston ... ..	1
Heaton Moor ... ..	1	Warrington ... ..	4
Kellet, Lancaster ... ..	1	Warton ... ..	1
Kirkby-in-Furness ... ..	1	Wigan... ..	5
Lancaster ... ..	13		

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## CHESHIRE.

Alraham ... ..	1	Macclesfield ... ..	2
Alsager ... ..	1	Manley ... ..	1
Altrincham ... ..	1	Marple ... ..	1
Birkenhead ... ..	9	New Brighton ... ..	1
Cheadle ... ..	1	Northwich... ..	3
Chester ... ..	10	Rock Ferry ... ..	1
Congleton ... ..	1	Rossett ... ..	1
Crewe ... ..	2	Runcorn ... ..	1
Disley ... ..	1	Seacombe ... ..	1
Haslington... ..	1	Stalybridge ... ..	1
Hoylake ... ..	1	Stockport ... ..	12
Knutsford ... ..	1	Tarvin ... ..	1
Liscard ... ..	1	Warrington ... ..	1
Lymm... ..	1		

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## YORKSHIRE.

	No.		No.
Barnsley ... ..	2	Linthwaite, Huddersfield ... ..	1
Bedale ... ..	1	Liversedge, Halifax ... ..	1
Bentham ... ..	1	Marske-by-the-Sea ... ..	1
Beverley ... ..	1	Middlesbrough ... ..	3
Bingley, Bradford ... ..	2	Mirfield ... ..	1
Birstall, Leeds ... ..	1	New Wortley, Leeds ... ..	1
Boroughbridge ... ..	1	Northallerton ... ..	1
Bradford ... ..	19	Normanton ... ..	1
Bridlington ... ..	1	Ossett ... ..	1
Brighouse, Halifax ... ..	2	Otley ... ..	1
Burton-in-Lonsdale ... ..	1	Oulton, Leeds ... ..	1
Castleford ... ..	1	Pontefract ... ..	1
Cleckheaton ... ..	2	Pudsey, Leeds ... ..	3
Conisborough ... ..	1	Rastrick, Halifax ... ..	2
Doncaster ... ..	5	Rigton Huby, Leeds ... ..	1
Driffield ... ..	1	Richmond ... ..	1
Elland, Halifax ... ..	1	Ripley ... ..	1
Farnley, Leeds ... ..	1	Ripon ... ..	3
Goole ... ..	3	Rishworth, Halifax ... ..	1
Guisborough ... ..	1	Rotherham ... ..	4
Halifax ... ..	10	Selby ... ..	1
Harrogate ... ..	1	Sheffield ... ..	11
Hebden Bridge, Halifax ... ..	1	Shipley, Bradford ... ..	1
Hemsworth ... ..	1	Skipton ... ..	1
Huddersfield ... ..	13	Slaidburn ... ..	1
Hull ... ..	19	Sowerby, Halifax ... ..	1
Ilkley ... ..	2	Stourton, Leeds ... ..	1
Keighley ... ..	6	Todmorden ... ..	1
Kippax, Leeds ... ..	1	Wakefield ... ..	5
Knaresborough .. ..	2	York ... ..	11
Leeds ... ..	33		

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## DURHAM.

Barnard Castle ... ..	1	Hartlepool ... ..	1
Bishop Auckland ... ..	4	Lanchester ... ..	2
Catchgate ... ..	1	Middleton-in-Teesdale ... ..	1
Chester-le-Street ... ..	1	New Shildon ... ..	1
Coxhoe ... ..	1	Ravensworth ... ..	1
Crook ... ..	2	South Shields ... ..	13
Darlington ... ..	5	Spennymoor ... ..	2
Durham ... ..	2	Stockton ... ..	2
Easington ... ..	4	Sunderland ... ..	5
Fence Houses ... ..	1	West Hartlepool ... ..	2
Framwellgate Moor ... ..	1		
Gateshead ... ..	7		

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## CUMBERLAND.

Aspatria ... ..	1	Houghton ... ..	1
Bootle ... ..	3	Kirkbride ... ..	1
Carlisle ... ..	12	Low Row ... ..	1
Cockermouth ... ..	4	Whitehaven ... ..	1
Dalston ... ..	1	Wigton ... ..	1
Egremont ... ..	2		
Eskdale ... ..	1		

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. NORTHUMBERLAND.

	No.		No.
Alnwick ... ..	3	Newcastle-on-Tyne... ..	6
Benwell ... ..	1	Stocksfield... ..	1
Longbenton ... ..	1	Wallsend ... ..	1
Longframlington ... ..	1	Whitley Bay ... ..	3
Morpeth ... ..	1		<hr/> 18

WESTMORLAND.

Appleby ... ..	2	Bowness ... ..	1
Arnside ... ..	1	Holme... ..	1
Bampton ... ..	1	Kendal ... ..	7
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SUMMARY.

LANCASHIRE ... ..	273
YORKSHIRE ... ..	201
DURHAM ... ..	60
CHESHIRE... ..	59
CUMBERLAND... ..	29
NORTHUMBERLAND ... ..	18
WESTMORLAND ... ..	13
	<hr/> 653
OTHER COUNTIES ... ..	7
TOTAL... ..	<hr/> <hr/> 660



# BRUNTON HOUSE,

## LANCASTER.

THE ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM having been established for the benefit of all classes of the Feeble-minded, the Central Committee have purchased the Quarry Hill property—comprising a block of Houses, with extensive grounds charmingly laid out in Tennis Lawns, Ornamental Plantations, Gardens, etc.—as a HOME FOR SPECIAL PRIVATE PUPILS attending the Schools and other Occupations at the Institution.

**BRUNTON HOUSE** is in a most salubrious situation and commands fine views of the Lake Mountains, Morecambe Bay, the Estuary of the Lune, and of the surrounding country, which is beautifully varied in scenery. Though quite detached, it is in convenient proximity to the Asylum Estate, consisting of 185 acres; and is under the same medical and general administration as the Asylum, with which it has telephonic connection. The Senior Assistant Medical Officer is resident there.

The object is to combine, for PRIVATE PUPILS paying remunerative rates, the seclusion and comforts of a Private Residence with the hygienic, educational and training resources of a Public Institution under responsible management.

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BRUNTON HOUSE : FRONT VIEW.



BRUNTON HOUSE : GARDEN VIEW.





BRUNTON HOUSE GROUNDS.